



## **Submission No 78**

### **Inquiry into Slavery, Slavery-like conditions and People Trafficking**

**Organisation:** Department of Immigration and Citizenship  
– Supplementary submission

**Department of Immigration and Citizenship – Additional Questions on Notice**

1. Mr RUDDOCK: So somebody could in fact get a permanent visa granted before a trial in which they are assisting, and a court could have determined that the witness was without credibility and found the person not guilty, yet they have a permanent visa.

Mr Anderson: That is unlikely, but theoretically it is possible.

Mr RUDDOCK: Unlikely? Why?

Mr Anderson: Because it still takes some time to actually go through the visa process.

Mr RUDDOCK: So what you are saying is that nobody would get a permanent visa until after the prosecution that they are assisting with has been concluded?

Mr Anderson: I am saying that it is unlikely. I would have—

Mr RUDDOCK: No, I heard what you said. I am just making the point that you are not saying that that is impossible.

Mr Anderson: No, it is not impossible.

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR: Could I suggest we get some figures on that from the department of immigration. Surely there would be figures on it. (pp. 2-3)

**Answer:**

Since the People Trafficking Visa Framework was introduced on 1 January 2004, 19 trafficked people have been granted a Witness Protection (Trafficking) (Permanent) visa before the case they had contributed to was finalised.