

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/056) - Translators - Sri Lankan Nationals - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 96) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: And on the occasion on 9 February where this enhanced screening process was engaged for the four Sri Lankan nationals, can you tell me how many translators were available for that event?

Mr Kukoc: There were two translators.

Senator KIM CARR: How long were the interviews for the Sri Lankan nationals?

Mr Kukoc: I do not have that information with me—I can take that on notice—but the interview is conducted in accordance with the guidelines that make sure we do not breach our non-refoulement obligations. Quite a few questions are involved and it may take some time.

Answer:

The interview times for the four Sri Lankan nationals ranged from a minimum of 1 hour 8 minutes to a maximum of 1 hour 35 minutes in duration.