

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/182) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Do you monitor any asylum seekers that Australia returns back to Sri Lanka?

a. If not why not?

*Answer:*

No. It is not general international practice for countries returning failed asylum seekers to their country of origin to monitor those individuals after their return. Monitoring would be intrusive and could draw unfavourable attention to the people concerned, as well as for those they associate with, and those engaged in the monitoring.