

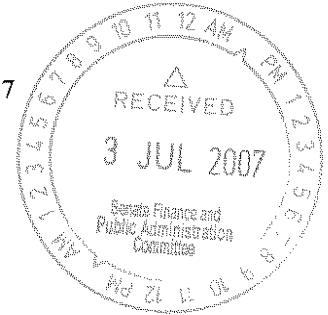
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 12-13 February 2007



Question: PM 29

Topic: SIEV X – SINKING DETAILS

Direct on Notice.

Senator Milne asked:

1. Was your Department or any of its agencies informed that the location of the rescue of SIEVX survivors was reported to be 07 40 00S / 105 09 00E? If so by whom was this information provided? On what date? Please provide copies of any file notes and other documents related to this information being provided to your Department or agency.

Answer:

I am advised that the Department and portfolio agencies have searched their records and uncovered no evidence that the Department was informed of the specific location of the rescue of SIEV X survivors.

2. Was your Department or any of its agencies informed of an Indonesian Police Report dated 24 October 2001 which included the location of the rescue of SIEVX survivors - ie: 07 40 00S/105 09 00E? If so by whom was this information provided? On what date? Please provide copies of any file notes and other documents related to this information being provided to your Department or agency.

Answer:

I am advised that the Department and portfolio agencies have searched their records and uncovered no evidence that the Department was informed about an Indonesian Police report which included the specific location of the rescue of SIEV X survivors.