

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 FEBRUARY 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(15) Output: Internal Product

Senator Ellison (L&CA 54) asked:

In relation to the release of an FOI request that was over a year old to *the Australian* newspaper, were two of the documents that were exempted ones that purported to be a signed deportation order for Sheikh Hilali—signed by a minister—and a subsequent document which overturned that? How many pages were provided to the *Australian* newspaper and were any exempted under the national interest?

Answer:

None of the exempted documents was either a signed deportation order for Sheikh Hilali or a subsequent document overturning that order.

One hundred and twenty (120) pages were released to *The Australian* newspaper.

No documents were exempted under the national interest criterion.