

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(22) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&C 63-64) asked:

Provide information on the circumstances surrounding the death in December 2009 of a passenger from the Merak vessel.

*Answer:*

DIAC has requested and received from International Organization for Migration a report on medical care provided to a passenger at the Krakatau Hospital prior to his death on 23 December 2009. DIAC is satisfied that IOM acted in accordance with the terms of our agreement in relation to the provision of medical care to irregular migrants intercepted in Indonesia en route to Australia. Privacy considerations prevent us from placing this report on the public record.

DIAC is not in a position to comment further on the circumstances surrounding his death. This is a matter for the Indonesian Government.