

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(23) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Barnett (L&CA 66) asked:

When was the first communication from the department, DIAC, to ASIO or from ASIO to DIAC regarding the passengers on board the Oceanic Viking?

Answer:

DIAC provided ASIO with an early iteration of the passenger list from the Oceanic Viking on 5 November 2009 and a more complete version was sent on 10 November 2009. Formal requests for security checking did not commence until after the passengers had disembarked.