

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(24) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senators Humphries and Barnett (L&C 67) asked:

When was DIAC formally advised that there were adverse security assessments of four of the passengers on the Oceanic Viking? Did DIAC advise others? If so, who and when?

Answer:

ASIO advised DIAC of the adverse security assessments in relation to three of the refugees on 11 December 2009 and the fourth on 23 December 2009.

The four refugees were advised on 25 December 2009.

UNHCR was advised following receipt of the advice of the adverse security assessments.