

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

##### **(27) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Barnett (L&C 68) asked:

Were there any other cases, and give details, where someone who had an adverse security assessment was taken onto Australian territory?

*Answer:*

There has been one other case where an applicant who had an adverse security assessment was taken onto Australian territory.

On 22 August 2005, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) – at that time the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) – was advised by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) that, on 19 August 2005, an adverse security assessment had been issued in respect of an individual who, at the time, was detained on Nauru.

On 19 August 2006, that individual was granted a Special Purpose Visa (SPV) to facilitate his travel to Australia for urgent medical treatment. The SPV ceased on the day he arrived in Australia and he was then detained.

As he was onshore, he was eligible to apply for a Protection visa (XA-866) and, as part of that visa process, a security assessment was initiated. He was subsequently cleared, granted a visa on 31 January 2007 and released from detention.