

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(101) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Abetz (L&CA 64) asked:

- (1) Are the IMAs or boat people required to give Indonesian customs a reason for travel to Indonesia?

- (2) Have there been any discussions with Indonesia to try to identify or return passengers arriving by air from IMA-source countries who do not have a valid reason for visiting Indonesia or a return ticket?

Answer:

- (1) Foreigners are asked about the purpose of their visit on the Indonesian arrival card. There are seven options:
 - i. Business
 - ii. Official Mission
 - iii. Convention
 - iv. Holiday/Visiting friends
 - v. Education
 - vi. Leisure
 - vii. Other

- (2) With funding provided in the 2010–11 Budget, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship is working with the Indonesian Directorate-General of Immigration to enhance its analytical, intelligence and biometric matching capabilities to assist in the identification of people who may not be travelling to Indonesia for bona fide purposes.