QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(236) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

1) In the case of Mr Rauluni, he had written to the NSW Ministerial Intervention Unit asking for his deportation to Fiji to be delayed and expressing that if the deportation was to go ahead "send my dead body", was this letter actioned by the department?

2) Former Fijian Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase also wrote directly to the department to advocate for Mr Rauluni to be granted asylum in Australia. Was this letter actioned by the department?

Answer.

- 1) Yes. Mr Rauluni's death is currently under investigation by the Coroner.
- 2) Yes. Mr Rauluni's death is currently under investigation by the Coroner.