

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0073) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 81) asked:

Does the department know how many visa applications there have been from Australian journalists wanting to visit both Papua New Guinea and Nauru? How many of these applications have been rejected?

Answer:

The department is not aware of the number of visa applications lodged by persons seeking to visit either Papua New Guinea or Nauru. This is a matter for the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru.

The department is not aware of the number of visa applications rejected by either Papua New Guinea or Nauru. This is a matter for the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru.