

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0102) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

In terms of the refugee status assessments on Manus, who would they be conducted by and what would the appeal regime be?

Answer:

While the precise nature of the arrangements that will operate in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the subject of ongoing discussion between the governments of Australia and PNG, refugee status determination (RSD) processes will be governed by the domestic legislation of PNG rather than Australian legislation. PNG has agreed that all transferees will have access to merits review after any negative primary decision.