

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0495) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Regarding changes to Split Family Regulations - Are all applicants for a Split Family visa, where the proposer is an 866 holder who arrived post August 13 2012, now required to meet the compelling reasons criteria?

Answer:

Subclass 866 visa holders who arrived as Irregular Maritime Arrivals post 13 August 2012 are not able to propose their immediate family members under the Humanitarian Program (refer to regulation 202.211 (2) (e)).

Subclass 866 visa holders who were not Irregular Maritime Arrivals, but arrived after 13 August 2012, are now required to meet the compelling reasons criterion.