

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/134) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status resolution**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

If an asylum seeker is given an adverse security assessment what process is then undergone for that person? What happens to them?  
What options are available to an asylum seeker who has been given an adverse security assessment?

*Answer:*

When an adverse security assessment (ASA) is issued to an asylum seeker, the person is formally notified of the ASA by written correspondence.

The ASA is considered as part of any visa application process that may be underway or initiated.

It is government policy that all unlawful non-citizens who engage Australia's protection obligations and are subject to an ASA must remain in immigration detention.

Refugees who are subject to an ASA may voluntarily return to their country of nationality or former habitual residence at any time.

Refugees who are subject to an ASA may provide the department with information about family links in third countries which may assist the department in making arrangements for third country resettlement.

Review of adverse security assessments falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Attorney-General.