

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/579) PROGRAMME – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How were any entries by journalists treated differently to entries by other arrivals by irregular maritime entries?

If so, why were journalists treated differently to entries by other arrivals by irregular maritime entries?

Answer:

The journalists were in possession of valid foreign passports and held valid Australian visas. Both journalists were granted entry into Australia.

Passengers who arrive by boat and do not have authority to enter Australia are processed as Illegal Maritime Arrivals.