

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(141) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Nettle (L&C 102) asked:

His name is on the public record. His case was reported in the *Age* in March last year. His name is George Dimara. He has subsequently been found to require protection, and I understand he is in the process of waiting for security clearances. If you are able to find out about the question that was raised in the RRT about the process of application for permissive residency. That was only one of the conditions on the form for permissive residency. The other conditions relate to restricting freedom of movement, freedom of association and freedom of political activity in PNG or West Papuan politics for people who are seeking that form of protection. So it strikes me as a significantly restricted level of protection to what we would expect in this country, for example. Can you take that question on notice?

Answer:

This question is best addressed by the Government of PNG.