QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Nettle (L&C 102) asked:

Can you check whether she (Siti Wainggai) has made any application not for a protection visa but to come to Australia? If she did do that is there any capacity for her to be removed from the situation that she is in PNG if she is perceived as facing danger whilst in PNG? If she is making an application to come to Australia and part of the application is about intimidation by Indonesian officers operating in PNG, can her application be expedited?

Answer:

There is no record of an application for a visa to Australia lodged by that person.