QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle asked:

When did some of the West Papuans have consular access?

Answer:

In relation to the Indonesian asylum seekers who arrived from Papua province in 18 January 2006, two had initially asked for consular access but only one of the asylum seekers chose to speak to Indonesian consular officials.