

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Kirk asked:

Was Ali Asqar Bakhtiyari ASIO cleared before his release on 3 August 2000 and if so what checks were conducted? Were checks made at the Pake Hotel, Rawalipindi and if so when were those results given to DIMA?

Answer:

DIMA systems records indicate that Ali Asqar Bakhtiyari was security cleared by ASIO on 29 June 2000. DIMA is not advised of the nature or extent of any checks undertaken by ASIO in respect of security assessments.