

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

**IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**

**(203) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Kirk asked:

It is claimed that the ACM guards who escorted Mr Ali were not allowed clearance to Pakistan - is this true?

*Answer:*

The ACM escorts were not required to obtain clearance to enter Pakistan. Upon arrival at the airport the escorts remained in the transit area before boarding their connecting flight. They did not require visas for this purpose. The ACM Escorts were not required to enter Pakistan.