

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Milne asked:

Who organised the vessel known as SIEV6? Had any of the earlier vessels associated with the organiser of SIEV6 required rescue? Was the organiser of SIEV6 involved in organising either the Palapa or Olong voyages? If not, then on what basis could the claim be made that 'some risk of... rescue at sea' mentioned in the People Smuggling Taskforce minutes of 18 October 2001 concerned a people smuggler other than Abu Quassey?

Answer:

DIMA is unable to provide a response to this question as it would disclose classified and sensitive intelligence.