

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Will personnel from the Indonesian military (TNI) visiting Australia to participate in training and/or exercises with the Australian Defence Forces be required to fill out a visa application form? If so, how will the Government respond to visa applications from TNI personnel who are the subject of an Interpol Red Notice or were indicted by the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in 1999?

Answer:

TNI personnel selected to attend individual training courses, either military education and training or sponsored civilian academic and professional development courses in Australia, are required to apply for and be granted an appropriate visa. TNI personnel invited to conduct collective training/exercises in conjunction with an ADF unit or organisation are also required to apply for and be granted an appropriate visa. In both cases applicants submit visa application forms.

Any persons coming to Australia who are subject to an Interpol Red Notice or were indicted by the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in 1999 should be identified on the Department's Movement Alert List (MAL). MAL listing results in the person being assessed against the character provisions. Military personnel on board a vessel as part of the complement of the ship on a visit approved by the Australian Government (ie Defence) are deemed under section 33(2) of the *Migration Act 1958* to hold a Special Purpose Visa (SPV) and are not required to apply for a visa.