

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 May 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(1) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Humphries (L&C 7) asked:

Has the tribunal set aside any departmental decisions on Sri Lankan and Afghan cases since the freeze was announced on 9 April?

Answer:

During the period of 9 April 2010 to 31 May 2010, the Refugee Review Tribunal (the RRT) made 13 decisions on applications involving Sri Lankan nationals: 3 of those set aside the primary decision, 8 affirmed the primary decision, 1 application for review was withdrawn, and 1 case was decided on the basis that the RRT did not have jurisdiction.

During the same period, the RRT made 1 decision on an application involving an Afghan national. That decision set aside the primary decision.

These were all matters in which the protection visa application was lodged prior to 9 April 2010.