

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(21) Program 1.1: Visa and Migration

Senator Humphries (L&C 59) asked:

What is the current state of advice that would be relevant to VETASSESS assessors on whether they can travel to Sri Lanka—is it safe to travel to Sri Lanka or not for these assessments?

Answer:

The Department was advised by VETASSESS on 17 June 2010 that VETASSESS is currently planning to visit Sri Lanka in August 2010 and will have the capacity to undertake 50 assessments.