

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(53) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Humphries (L&C 97-98) asked:

Of the irregular maritime arrival cohort, what is the longest serving detainee whose status has been refused but who has not been returned to another country yet, i.e. refused by the department or refused and reviewed but still unsuccessful who have no further avenues for appeal who are still waiting.

Answer:

As at 26 July 2010, the longest serving irregular maritime arrival in detention had the negative decision on his Refugee Status Application affirmed by an Independent Merits Reviewer in May 2009. The Department is continuing to investigate this client's identity in order to effect his removal as soon as reasonably practicable.