

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(86) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries (L&C 57-58) asked:

There were reports of asylum seekers and crew members off boats arriving on the mainland, I think in Darwin, wearing facemasks—the little cloth sort for shielding sneezes and things like that. Is that true and would they have been supplied with those facemasks by the department?

Answer:

Yes, clients were wearing facemasks that were supplied by the Department.