

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(97) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Barnett/Humphries (L&C 70 and 73) asked:

Provide key references that show the current situation in respect of the safety, security and avoidance of persecution of the Hazara people in Afghanistan.

Answer:

The following are some of the key references which refer specifically to the situation of the Hazara people in Afghanistan:

- “Coming up from the bottom”, The Economist, 15 February 2007
- “Afghanistan’s success story: The librated Hazara minority”, The Christian Science Monitor, 6 August 2007
- “The Outsiders”, National Geographic, February 2008
- Conflict analysis: Jaghori and Malistan districts, Ghazni province, Gina Bergh with Christian Dennys and Idrees Zaman, Cooperation for Peace and Unity, 27 April 2009
- UNHCR Eligibility Guidelines for Assessing the International Protection Needs of Asylum-Seekers from Afghanistan, 21 July, 2009
- International Religious Freedom Report 2009 - Afghanistan, United States Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, October 26, 2009
- Situation Report - EURASIL: The Current Situation in the Jaghori District of Ghazni, Finnish Immigration Service, 10 December 2009
- “Hazaras hustle to head of class in Afghanistan” The New York Times, 3 January, 2010
- Situation of the Hazara Minority, Australia: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), 21 February, 2010

- Department of State Country Reports on Human Rights Practices – Afghanistan, The United States Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, 11 March 2010
- Country of Origin Information Report, UK Home Office, UK Border Agency, 8 April 2010