

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0292) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA18) asked:

What type of advice has been given to them about their current condition?

Answer:

All people in detention who have been found to be a refugee are notified of the decision by their Case Manager, as well as having these decisions provided to them in writing.

They are also advised that although they have been found to be a refugee under the Refugees Convention they must still satisfy health, identity, security and character checking before the Minister will consider whether to allow them to make a visa application. They are told that this can take some time to complete, that there is no specific timeframe that can be assured and that some checks may take several months.

They are advised to talk to their Case Manager at any time if they have questions about the processing of their case or if they are concerned about what the consequences of any adverse findings might have on their case.