

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0318) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

What classification of Departmental staff can access or see adverse security assessments? Are there any limits on who can see the assessments? Do case managers see the assessments?

Answer:

Adverse security assessments, like all classified documents, require a Departmental officer to hold a security clearance relevant to the classification of the document. In addition, the officer must have a genuine 'need to know', to view the content of any classified document.

Generally, case managers do not view the content of an adverse assessment.