

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0348) Program 4.1: Compliance and Case Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the evidence given at the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Senate Estimates committee on 21 May 2012 in relation to the person whose visa has been refused by the Minister under section 501 and who has been granted a Removal Pending Bridging Visa (RPBV). Is the Minister is satisfied that the person is doing everything possible to facilitate their removal from Australia. If yes, what steps has the person taken to date to facilitate their removal? If no, what is the Minister doing to address this situation? In relation to the mandatory conditions that are attached to the RPBV and by which the holder is required to abide.

Answer:

As this individual was found to be a refugee their involuntary return to their country of origin would be in breach of Australia's international obligations. As such the Department is currently not seeking to effect their involuntary removal from Australia. The individual's RPBV will be subject to review in three years from the date of grant.