QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0104) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 33) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you table the list of questions that are asked?
Ms Larkins: We could provide some advice on the process that we use.
Mr Bowles: We will take it on notice. This is operational detail, and we will have to consider what implications that has in terms of basically giving advice to people on how to get around our system. But we will take that on notice and have a look.
...
Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice and see what we can provide. I do not see a problem with the number of questions.

Answer:

The list of questions are as follows:

- Do you understand the interpreter?

- Do you object to this interview being recorded?

- Can I confirm the following details:

Boat ID: *Check boat ID against interviewee's pass*:
Your family name is:
Your given name is / given names are:
Your date of birth is:
Your country of citizenship is:
Your ethnic group is:

- Did any of your family come on the boat with you?

- Do you have any family already in Australia?

- Where did your boat depart from?

- Where did your board the boat?

- Where were you born (town/city, province and country)?

- On what date did you depart your home country?

- Are you married?

- What is the name of your doctor in your home country?

- Did you study in your home country?

- Please provide the details of your immediate family members (such as parents, grandparents and/or siblings) in your home country

- Explanation of processDo you understand?

- What is your current occupation (the occupation you had prior to leaving your home country)?

- Where did you reside just prior to leaving for Australia? Was this a different location to where you were born?

- What are your reasons for coming to Australia?

- Do you have any other reasons for coming to Australia?

- Would you like to add anything else?

Interviewing officers may ask further questions if required.