

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0124) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 49) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Ms Larkins has already agreed to give me the information that the people are told at the front of the interview.

Ms Larkins: The interview preamble, yes.

Answer:

The interview preamble is as follows:

The enhanced screening interview preamble for Offshore Entry Persons who arrived before 19 July 2013 [Interviewer: To be read to all persons]
Because you arrived in Australia without a visa you are an unlawful non citizen and do not have an automatic right to remain in Australia. Therefore a finding is to be made as to whether you have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia. The purpose of this interview is to inform that finding by collecting information about you and your reasons for coming to Australia. If on the basis of the information that you provide or is otherwise available to the Australian Government it is found that you should be allowed to remain in Australia then you will be advised about how your case will proceed in due course. Alternatively you may be liable to be taken to a regional processing country.

If it is found that you do not have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia then you will be considered for removal. If a decision is made that you can be removed you are expected to comply with that removal. You should understand that there are significant penalties for providing false or misleading information to a migration officer in the course of their duty. Any false or misleading information that you provide could also raise doubts about the reliability of what you have said.

The enhanced screening interview preamble for non- Offshore Entry Persons who arrived before 19 July 2013 [Interviewer: To be read to all persons]
Because you arrived in Australia without a visa you are an unlawful non citizen and do not have an automatic right to remain in Australia. Therefore a finding is to be made as to whether you have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia. The purpose of this interview is to inform that finding by collecting information about you and your reasons for coming to Australia. If on the basis of the information that you provide or is otherwise available to the Australian Government it is found that you should be allowed to remain in

Australia then you will be advised about how your case will proceed in due course.

If it is found that you do not have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia then you will be considered for removal. If a decision is made that you can be removed you are expected to comply with that removal.

You should understand that there are significant penalties for providing false or misleading information to a migration officer in the course of their duty. Any false or misleading information that you provide could also raise doubts about the reliability of what you have said.