

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(119) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk asked :

Given that NADRA have deemed that all ID numbers were invalid after the central ID system was set up in 2000, where did the document with the ID number 601-57-188722 come from?

Answer:

DIMIA cannot comment on the internal procedures of foreign governments. DIMIA provided the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan all relevant information, and must accept their findings.

The document in question was obtained through the Australian High Commission from the Pakistan Government in Quetta. The Pakistan Government confirmed the identity of Mr Bakhtiyari and subsequently issued travel documents for return.