

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(44) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&C 100) asked:

What progress has Indonesia made to criminalise people smuggling?

*Answer:*

Indonesia's Immigration Law makes it an offence to harbour persons within Indonesia in contravention of immigration requirements, or to falsify or counterfeit visas and related material or information. Australia understands that Indonesia is considering options to create additional offences relating to people smuggling activities. The progress of any amendments is a matter for the Indonesian parliament.