

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(310) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

If the High Court case is upheld, will the cases of those asylum seekers who were given a permanent protection visa as a result of the Independent review panel's decision to set aside a department decision, also be done again? If not, why not?

Answer:

No. The decision of the High Court does not quash previous Independent Merits Review recommendations. In addition, the visas granted to persons who have been through the RSA process are granted under statutory provisions.