

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(336) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Are the Tamils who were refused security clearance by ASIO still on Christmas Island? Has the department found a third country to accept some or all of them?

Answer:

All of the Tamils who have received adverse security assessments are still in immigration detention.

The Department is still investigating options to resolve these clients' cases and is unable to provide any more information at this time.