

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(346) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Cash asked:

[Answer to QON 53] I refer to the longest serving irregular maritime arrival in detention as at 26 July 2010 who had had his negative decision on his Refugee Status Application affirmed by an Independent Merits Reviewer in May 2009.

- (a) On what date did this person enter Australian territory?
- (b) On what date was his application for refugee status originally refused?
- (c) Has the decision to refuse this persons refugee status been the subject of appeal and if so, how many appeals and to which bodies?
- (d) What is the current status of this person?

*Answer:*

- a) 2 December 2008
- b) This person received a negative refugee status assessment on 11 March 2009.
- c) The person sought an Independent Merits Review of the primary assessment which was conducted during April 2009 and the decision upheld. Following the High Court decision the client has been scheduled to undergo a further Independent Merits Review.
- d) This client remains in immigration detention in the community, as the Department continues its efforts to effect removal as soon as reasonably practicable.