

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0191) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

Internal audit of IMR findings: On what basis/criteria were clients selected to have their cases examined under the PRE? Were some clients not selected and if so, on what criteria?

Answer:

The Pre Review Examination (PRE) was conducted for irregular maritime arrivals who were awaiting an independent merits review of their negative primary assessment and did not have an independent merits review interview scheduled in the following four weeks.

Cases were prioritised for PRE on the basis of the length of time the person had spent in detention.