

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0203) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

What legal team will be able to appear before the Nauruan merits tribunal on behalf of asylum seekers? Can the Department please table all relevant Nauruan and PNG immigration laws that will be applied?

Answer:

Merits review will be available to all asylum seekers taken to a regional processing country who have been found not to be a refugee at the primary processing stage.

Details remain the subject of ongoing discussion with the governments of both Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

Relevant immigration laws for Nauru can be found on their official government website:

<http://www.naurugov.nr/>

http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/?bcsi_scan_d5b2dcf9ce55c603=l6wRiwJphJS/VuGRVPvzxHllbtghAAAaz36XSA==

Relevant immigration laws for Papua New Guinea can be found on their Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority website:

<http://www.immigration.gov.pg/home.html> (PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority website)

<http://www.immigration.gov.pg/links.html> (links to Acts & Regulations)