

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0358A) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Is DIAC aware that threats were made by the asylum seekers to the master and crew of the MV Parsifal that if the master of the vessel did not take them to Christmas Island? If so, what were those threats?

Answer:

DIAC is aware that threats were allegedly made by rescued asylum seekers against the Master and crew of the MV Parsifal. However, DIAC is unaware of the full details of any threats. DIAC understands that the threats were passed on to the Australian Federal Police for further investigation.