

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0362) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

MV Parsifal: Did the Minister at any time instruct the Department not to process the claims of the asylum seekers on board the MV Parsifal?

Answer:

No. Under arrangements for asylum seekers who are transferred to a regional processing country, an assessment of claims will be made in that regional processing country.