

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0102) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Please provide an update on the review of the refugee status determination process that is being undertaken by the Department (in accordance with Recommendation 15 of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers)? Will the outcome of this review be made available to the public? Does this review encompass consideration of options relating to the removal of access to merits review in the Refugee Review Tribunal for protection visa applicants who arrive by boat?

Answer:

The review of the refugee status determination process was under consideration by the former Government prior to the election in September 2013. The content and outcomes of this review will not be made public.