

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0112) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

What measures are in place to monitor whether a returnee faces risks of persecution after their return?

*Answer:*

The department does not monitor returnees after they have been removed from Australia. It is not general international practice for countries who return people to their country of origin to monitor individuals.

Monitoring would be intrusive and could draw unwelcome attention to the individuals concerned as well as for those with whom they associate and those engaged in the monitoring.

Australia is party to the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations which impose a duty on consular officers not to interfere in the internal affairs of a State. Monitoring could be seen as infringing upon the sovereignty of that State.