

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0132) PROGRAMME – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

A quality assurance report on Departmental decision-making on protection visa applications was provided to the DIBP in August 2013. Has this report resulted in any changes to the Department's methods or procedures for assessing refugee status?

Answer:

The Department understands that the question refers to a report provided to the Department on 2 September 2013 titled 'Australia's Refugee Status Determination System Quality Assurance Project'. The report is one of many sources of feedback on the Department's methods for assessing refugee status. Changes have been made to the Onshore Protection Programme in many of the areas covered by the report.