

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0562) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

The Department has said that the screening process does not involve any assessment of the credibility of claims. If that's the case, can the Department confirm that any IMA who notifies the Department that they fear significant harm if returned and that they seek to invoke Australia's protection obligations is automatically screened in?

Answer:

A person is screened-in if the Department considers they have presented claims that potentially engage Australia's protection obligations and therefore warrant thorough assessment through a protection status determination process. The credibility of these claims is considered through a protection status determination process.