

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 - 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0572) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young () asked:

CHAIR: Mr Bowles, Senator Hanson-Young asked if you could get for her two documents by five o'clock today relating to the enhanced screening process. The two documents she was after are the statement read out at the screening interview and the questions that are part of the screening process. Have you had any luck?

Mr Bowles: I said I would take the questions on notice to determine the best way to handle those sensitive questions in the public arena. But we do have a copy of the preamble and I am happy to table it.

CHAIR: So you will get back to her with that?

Mr Bowles: I will answer the second one on notice.

CHAIR: Thank you very much.

Answer:

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The enhanced screening interview transcript for Offshore Entry Persons who arrived before 19 July 2013 is attached.

Interviewing officers may ask further questions if required.

31 May 2013

Client ref: _____

Enhanced Screening interview transcript pro-forma

INTERVIEW DETAILS

Date: / / Time commenced:
Location:

Present are:

(DIAC Officers) _____
[Please sign here if printed in hardcopy]

(Interviewee) _____
[Please sign here if printed in hardcopy]

TIS Number (Interpreter) _____
[Please sign here if printed in hardcopy]

This interview is being conducted using interpreter services in the language.

Q1: Do you understand the interpreter? Yes / No

This interview is being recorded so that the department has an accurate record of the interview.

Q2: Do you object to this interview being recorded? Yes /No

3. CONFIRM NOMINAL ROLL, MIGRATION HISTORY AND REASONS FOR TRAVEL

Q3a. Can I confirm the following details:

Boat ID: <i>Check boat ID against interviewee's pass:</i>
Your family name is:
Your given name is / given names are:
Your date of birth is:
Your country of citizenship is:
Your ethnic group is:

3b. Did any of your family come on the boat with you?

3c. Do you have any family already in Australia?

3d. Where did your boat depart from?

3e. Where did you board the boat?

Has the person arrived directly from their country of origin: No Yes

4. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

4a. Where were you born (town/city, province and country)?

4b. On what date did you depart your home country?

4c. Are you married?

4d. What is the name of your doctor in your home country?

4e. Did you study in your home country?

4f. Please provide the details of your immediate family members (such as parents, grandparents and/or siblings) in your home country

5. PREAMBLE [Interviewer: To be read to all persons]

Because you arrived in Australia without a visa you are an unlawful non citizen and do not have an automatic right to remain in Australia. Therefore a finding is to be made as to whether you have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia. The purpose of this interview is to inform that finding by collecting information about you and your reasons for coming to Australia.

If on the basis of the information that you provide or is otherwise available to the Australian Government it is found that you should be allowed to remain in Australia then you will be advised about how your case will proceed in due course. Alternatively you may be liable to be taken to a regional processing country.

If it is found that you do not have a valid reason to be allowed to remain in Australia then you will be considered for removal. If a decision is made that you can be removed you are expected to comply with that removal.

You should understand that there are significant penalties for providing false or misleading information to a migration officer in the course of their duty.

Any false or misleading information that you provide could also raise doubts about the reliability of what you have said.

Q5a. Do you understand?

Yes / **No**

Q6. Additional questions to be asked at confirmation of nominal roll data:

Q6a. What is your current occupation (the occupation you had prior to leaving your home country)?

Q6b. Where did you reside just prior to leaving for Australia? Was this a different location to where you were born?

Q6c. What are your reasons for coming to Australia?

Q6d. Do you have any other reasons for coming to Australia?

Would you like to add anything else?

The information you have provided will now be considered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. You will be advised of the outcome of this consideration by an officer of the Department in due course.

Interview concluded at

7. FURTHER EXAMINATION OF PROTECTION RELATED INFORMATION

You said that your reasons for coming to Australia were related to . I will now be asking some more questions about that issue. The purpose of these additional questions is to give you an opportunity to provide more information to support your claims that you have faced harm or you would face harm on return to your country and to assist in the consideration of your case by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Q7a. Do you understand? Yes /No

8. COUNTRY INFORMATION RELATING TO [COUNTRY]

You have indicated that you have a fear of returning to [COUNTRY]. The information that you have submitted to me to support this claim needs to be considered in relation to relevant and up-to-date country information on the situation.

In particular, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship will have regard to the following reports or other sources of information:

Briefly what this information suggests is:

Q9. NATURAL JUSTICE BREAK [Required]

Before we finish this interview, I would like to give you a break so that you can have an opportunity to consider the information I have put before you and to consider what we have discussed today.

10. INTERVIEW CLOSING

You have taken a short break:

10a. Have you anything to add to what you have already said?

Yes / No

The information you have provided will now be considered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. You will be advised shortly of the outcome of this consideration.

Interview concluded at

11. SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW AND REFERRAL FOR FURTHER ACTION

Summary of interview and claims:

Having regard to the information provided by the client in this interview and relevant country information, it is my view that:

This person **has not** made claims that raise any fear of harm whether for a Refugees Convention reason or otherwise.

This person **has** made claims that raise a fear of harm and:

those claims appear to be plausible and to have substance.

those claims appear not to be plausible and/or not to have substance.

[name of interviewing officer]

[position]

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

[name of transcribing officer]

[position]

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