

Additional Comments of Senators O'Sullivan and Rennick¹

1.1 Senators O'Sullivan and Rennick acknowledge that the committee has repeatedly raised concerns about adequacy of protections against the risk of refoulement in the context of offshore processing. Notwithstanding these concerns, Senators O'Sullivan and Rennick believe that human rights are also supported by the deterrent effect that offshore processing has on the illegal, exploitative and dangerous people smuggling trade that would otherwise occur without this deterrent.

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