



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

Senator the Hon I. D. Macdonald  
Chair  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
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Dear Senator

I am writing to you to correct a response to a Question on Notice from the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee public hearing held on 10 September 2018, in relation to the Migration (Validation of Port Appointment) Bill 2018.

With regard to question two of the Questions on Notice, I wish to provide a minor correction to the breakdown of the 42 individuals remaining in Australia. In the initial response to the Committee, the breakdown stated that 19 protection visa applications are on hand before the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) and six applications had been refused, and after merits review, are now at judicial review.

The corrected breakdown is: 15 protection visa applications are on hand before the Department and 10 applications have been refused, and after merits review, are now at judicial review.

An amended response to question two is provided below:

**2. Departmental records indicate that 49 persons who may be affected by the Bill were taken to a regional processing country (RPC) - what is their current status.**

As at 11 September 2018, Departmental records indicate all were returned to Australia and:

- 42 individuals are onshore and lawful
- 7 individuals have since returned to their home country.

Of the 42 individuals remaining in Australia:

- 15 protection visa applications are on hand before the Department
- 11 individuals have been granted a protection visa
- 5 applications have been refused and are at merits review

- 10 applications have been refused, and after merits review, are now at judicial review
- 1 application has been remitted following judicial review.

Yours sincerely

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