

QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken

004 – Public Hearing – 13 April 2021

Topic: Tatmadaw - family members in Australia

Senator Janet Rice

Question

Senator RICE: At estimates I asked whether DFAT had knowledge of family members that were in Australia and I was told that you didn't. We've had evidence provided to the committee giving names of family members in Australia. Has that evidence since estimates been provided to DFAT?

Mr Jadwat: I'd have to check on that. My understanding is that Home Affairs have knowledge of who may or may not be in Australia and whether or not that includes people who are related to members of the authorities in Myanmar. It's something where for privacy reasons they don't normally share particular information on individuals, but I haven't seen any names myself. But we can take that on notice and clarify for you.

Answer

- DFAT has received information from the public regarding alleged relatives of the Tatmadaw leadership who may be in Australia.
- We have provided this information to the Department of Home Affairs.