

Defence Portfolio

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.77)

Senator the Hon Penny Wong asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 15 October 2021:

During August this year, Defence changed its advice to LEE applicants. For example, on email from the AfghanLEE email address on 23 August 2021 states: Given your links to Australia, while you have not been certified as a Locally Engaged Employee, you will be given priority for consideration as part of the 3000 places in our humanitarian programme as recently announced by the Government. We have passed your details to the Department of Home Affairs who will be in contact with you directly as soon as possible to gather the necessary information to consider your claims for protection. When was this change in advice rolled out?

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Honourable Senator's question:

The change in advice was 'rolled out' from 23 August 2021.