

Question on notice no. 131

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Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 October 2018—

Is the screening process exactly same whether a vessel is being returned to the country of origin or departure? a.If not, how are they different?

Answer —

All individuals intercepted are assessed to determine whether they may engage Australia's *non-refoulement* obligations.