

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/162) - Foreign National claiming to be Indigenous Australian - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

- Please provide an update on the status of the man the Department believes to be a Fijian or Indian national who claims to be an indigenous Australian, detained at Yongah Hill in June.
- If he is not Australian, how did he obtain an Australian passport?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection detained a Fijian national claiming to be an Australian citizen, who entered Australia on 3 February 1998 following a thorough investigation by which the department was fully satisfied that his is an unlawful citizen.

The provision of a passport sits within the ambit of responsibility of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was not an action undertaken by the department.