

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/181) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

If it was known to you that asylum seekers who had come to Australia and were subsequently returned to Sri Lanka had on return - suffered torture or ill treatment from the Sri Lankan government or any official, what would Australia do to investigate these claims?

Answer:

Possible action to follow up credible reports of harm to a person returned by Australia may include, where appropriate, enquiries to the relevant Sri Lankan government agency and/or direct contact with the individual through the overseas post.