QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/126) - Sirul Azhar Umar - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator Xenophon, Nick (L&CA) written:

Who makes the decision as to who is allowed to visit Sirul Azhar Umar - the Australian Immigration Department or Sirul's representatives - Australian and Malaysian lawyers? Has Sirul's life been in danger since he's been in Villawood? Can you advise me as to the current immigration status of Sirul Azhar Umar?

Answer:

Mr Sirul Azhar UMAR is permitted to have visitors in line with the process as established by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The final decision as to who can visit Mr UMAR is that of the Department.

All appropriate measures are taken to ensure the safety and security of individuals in Immigration Detention.

Mr UMAR is awaiting the outcome of a visa application. It is not appropriate to comment on the applications of individuals.