

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(101) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

(1) Was ACL breached over the incident that ended in the tragic death of baby Niyonsaba's death?

(2) What investigations have taken place about this incident?

Answer:

(1) The Australian Centre for Languages (ACL) has not been breached under the contract.

(2) The death of Richard Niyonsaba was considered by the NSW Coroner who decided not to conduct an inquest into Richard's death.

A private law firm, Banki, Haddock and Fiora, was retained by ACL to conduct an inquiry into case management issues associated with the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy (IHSS) services provided to Richard and his family.

DIMA has undertaken an internal review of health screening and on-arrival reception processes.