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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Bartlett (L&C 66-67) asked:

In relation to the RPBVs, could you let us know, of the one who had been removed, what country that was to? And also what happened to the other three—if they went on some sort of visa or back into detention or something.

Answer:

The individual who was granted a Removal Pending Bridging Visa (RPBV) returned to Iran voluntarily.

The 3 other individuals referred to above, who were initially on RPBVs, have now been granted permanent humanitarian visas. These visas were granted through processes that were ongoing at the time of the grant of the RPBVs.