QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(48) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

Do Customs officers have access to the DIMIA watch list containing names and details of war crimes suspects? If not, why not?

Answer:

Yes, all war crimes suspects known to DIMA are entered on the Department's Movement Alert List (MAL), which is linked to the Australian Customs Service passenger processing system (PACE).