

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(95) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Milne asked:

When did your department first become aware that Abu Quassey was the organiser of the vessel codenamed 'Gelantipy' which arrived at Christmas Island on 27 March 2001?

Answer:

The Department was aware that a warrant was issued by Australian Federal Police (AFP) for the arrest of Quassey on 3 June 2002. It also established, following a request for records held by the AFP-managed People Smuggling Strike Team, that a small number of 'Gelantipy' passengers identified Abu Quassey as possibly arranging their passage.