

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0284) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Regarding the 28 Indonesian crew members who are minors in Immigration Detention, what stage are they up to in terms of being able to access legal representation? Have they been allocated legal aid officers?

Answer:

The prosecution of individuals for people smuggling offences and the associated provision of legal assistance is the policy responsibility of the Attorney General's Department.