

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/274) PROGRAMME – 2.1 Refugee and humanitarian assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How is the Government upholding its international obligations by delaying applications for review of complementary protection?

Answer:

The proposed changes to the methodology for assessing complementary protection do not alter the content of Australia's *non-refoulement* obligations, nor do they impact on how Australia adheres to its international obligations. There is no requirement for Australia to follow a particular process to meet its obligations under the *Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* (CAT) or the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* and its *Second Optional Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty* (ICCPR). Cases will be referred to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection at the earliest opportunity.