

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/284) PROGRAMME – 2.1 Refugee and humanitarian assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How will the Government ensure that the \$13.0 million cuts will not compromise Australia's international protection obligations?
Specifically in regards to ensuring all claims of asylum are fairly assessed and that claims have access to recourse?

Answer:

The protection status determination process is not adversarial and does not require applicants to be represented. Claims assessment occurs consistently irrespective of whether or not a migration agent is engaged.