

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/387) PROGRAMME – 4.1 Visa Compliance and Status Resolution**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Does the enhanced screening process involve any assessment as to the credibility of any protection claims advanced? Have there been any cases where a person has articulated a protection claim but been 'screened out' because that claim is disbelieved? Does this differ from the ordinary screening that applies to maritime arrivals of other nationalities?

*Answer:*

No, credibility of any protection claims advanced is not assessed in screening processes.

However, in making an enhanced screening determination, an officer can consider whether the claims presented by an individual are so lacking in substance as not to be valid claims requiring consideration in a protection determination process e.g. family disputes with no suggestion of violence or random and untargeted acts of criminal conduct.