

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(149) Output 1.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Entry and Stay

Senator Hurley asked:

On Monday 22 May 2006, DIMA officer Ms Keski-Nummi stated that a DNA test was ordered on a Sudanese child to confirm that she legitimately belonged to the parents because:

“When our officer visited Kakuma camp and met with the grandmother and the child, the grandmother gave quite different birth dates to the ones that had been provided by the sponsoring parents in Australia”

1. What were the dates provided by the Grandmother of the child?
2. What were the dates provided by the sponsoring parents in Australia?
3. On what date was the Grandmother asked/interviewed about the birth date of the child?
4. When were the DNA tests conducted?

Answer:

1. The birth date provided by the grandmother of the child was February 2005.
2. The birth date provided in the Form 842 *Application for an Offshore Humanitarian visa* by the parents in Australia is 26 November 2004.
3. The Grandmother was interviewed at Kakuma camp on 17 February 2006 with the aid of a Dinka interpreter.
4. DNA tests were conducted on the child on 31 May 2006.