

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Kirk asked:

What type of travel documents accompanied the Bakhtiyrai family and gave them authority to be removed to Pakistan? Is the Minister willing to provide a copy of the travel documents used by the Bakhtiyari family to enter Pakistan for scrutiny?

Answer:

The Bakhtiyari family held Pakistani emergency travel documents issued by the Pakistani Government for one way travel, copies of which are attached.

It is standard practice for countries to issue one way travel documents in these sorts of circumstances, in particular where people do not have their original passports.