

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(116) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk asked:

On 26 May 2005 DIMIA claimed that the family had been verified as Pakistani citizens, yet they already knew they had been verified as Afghan citizens. Did the department mislead this Senate committee?

Answer:

No, DIMIA has not received at any time any formal notification from the Afghan Government that any of the Bakhtiari family are citizens of Afghanistan.