

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(121) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk asked:

As an expert in documents deemed that document to be false, the RRT discarded the photo on the document and this was the only "evidence" of Pakistani ID why was it used to claim that Roqia and her children, Afghan citizens, were Pakistani citizens?

Answer:

The document referred to was never found to be false or discarded by the RRT. The RRT affirmed the cancellation based on the evidence provided, including this document and the Pakistani Government later verified Mr Bakhtiyari's identity as the Pakistani national.

Roqia and her children were advised to be Pakistani citizens based on their relationship to Mr Bakhtiyari.