

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(239) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

Is the department negotiating any new return agreements to countries for failed asylum seekers? If so, which countries, what is the status of these discussions, and when are they likely to reach a resolution?

Answer:

DIAC is not able to disclose any information regarding confidential diplomatic negotiations.