

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0651) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Manus: Can you provide an update in relation to how Refugee Status Assessments will be conducted and by whom and what the appeal regime will be? What is the status of Australia officials on Manus – will they be seconded to the PNG public service or be contracted individuals? What about Australian officials or individuals who are making the RSA and conducting the review? What is their status?

Answer:

As at 15 October 2012, these matters remain subject to ongoing discussion with the government of PNG.