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RESPONSE

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On 18 September 2008, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided the following advice:

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DFAT made enquiries with Mr Sanjay Kumar Rajhawar, the public relations officer of the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (+91 11 2619 2183). Mr Rajhawar advised if a holder of a valid Government of India Identity Certificate's (IC) return visa had expired they would not be permitted re-entry to India. Mr Rajhawar advised if an IC holder presented at an Indian airport without a valid return visa they would be deported to the point of departure.

Mr Rajhawar further advised that the holder of the IC should approach the Indian High Commission in Australia to obtain a valid re-entry visa (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2008, *DFAT Report 890 – India: Identity Certificates: RRT Information Request IND33768*, 18 September – Attachment 1; for the request that elicited this advice, see: RRT Research and Information 2008, Email to DFAT: 'RRT Information Request: IND33768, 11 September – Attachment 2).

List of Sources Consulted

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

List of Attachments

1. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2008, *DFAT Report 890 – India: Identity Certificates: RRT Information Request IND33768*, 18 September.
2. RRT Research and Information 2008, Email to DFAT: ‘RRT Information Request: IND33768, 11 September.