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**RRT RESEARCH RESPONSE**

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**RESPONSE**

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A request was sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on 12 February 2008. The following response was received on 22 February 2008:

DFAT REPORT: 782

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**Question 1:**

**Is it common for Khmer men to only know their wives' first names and be unaware of their family names?**

It is not common (and most unlikely) for Khmer husbands to know only their wives' first names and be unaware of their family names. (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

2008, *DFAT Report 782 – RRT Information Request KHM32975*, 22 February – Attachment 1)

### **List of Sources Consulted**

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

### **List of Attachments**

1. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2008, *DFAT Report 782 – RRT Information Request KHM32975*, 22 February