

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE16/039) - UNHCR - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Ms Noble: As I said, we are working it through with UNHCR. I guess it would be a matter for the government as to when they decide to provide those details publicly.

Senator KIM CARR: Your interlocutor is the UNHCR, not the United States?

Ms Noble: I was referring to the displaced people from specific protracted refugee situations.

Senator KIM CARR: That is the 1,000. In terms of the United States, when will we have this agreement finalised?

Ms Noble: I think I took that on notice earlier, from recollection. When you say 'finalised', we have already—

Senator KIM CARR: I presume that you would be able to tell us what is actually in the agreement.

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*Answer:*

The Protection Transfer Arrangement (PTA), an initiative of the US and Costa Rica Governments with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and International Organisation for Migration, is in early stages of implementation. Refugees will be referred to Australia on a case-by-case and voluntary basis in small numbers. They will be resettled within the existing Humanitarian Programme.