

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/061) - Fast-track - Primary Applications - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Can the Department provide the amount expended on Primary Application Information Service, including the number of clients referred to this program?

Answer:

Between 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2016, \$2.387 million has been paid to contracted Primary Application Information Service (PAIS) providers for services delivered under the contracts with the Department.

As at 30 September 2016, the Department had assessed 1997 illegal maritime arrivals and unauthorised air arrivals as eligible for access to PAIS and referred them to a PAIS provider.