

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/070) - Manus and Nauru - financial offers - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Is the department aware of financial offers being made to people on Manus Island and Nauru to induce them to be refouled?

*Answer:*

All transferees and refugees in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru may choose to return home voluntarily at any time.

Where people make a decision to return home, assistance is available to help them depart Nauru or PNG. This assistance may be provided by the Government or the International Organisation for Migration.