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Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Portfolio

Senator Nick McKim: asked the Department of Home Affairs on 22 October 2018—

Can the Department provide, in respect of the Cambodia deal just expired: a.the number of people who took part in the resettlement deal; b.the numbers of people still in Cambodia as a result of the deal; c.the dates of arrival and departure of those who took part; and d.the total costs under the Cambodia deal, including any extra commitments in foreign aid?

Answer —

Seven refugees settled in Cambodia under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Australian and Cambodian Governments.

The first four refugees arrived in Cambodia on 4 June 2015. Of these, all voluntarily returned to their country of origin.

The three refugees remaining in Cambodia arrived between November 2015 and March 2017.

The Department of Home Affairs funded all costs related to the implementation of the MOU, contracting the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to deliver settlement services to refugees who volunteered to settle under the MOU. AUD \$8.5 million was expended on establishment costs, operating costs, and service delivery under the MOU.