

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/113) - Humanitarian workers - Programme 1.2 Border Enforcement (ACBPS)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Has the Department of Immigration and Border Protection made efforts to welcome humanitarian workers home and thank them for their service?

o How?

o How many workers?

Answer:

The Portfolio recognises the importance of the role undertaken by humanitarian workers, such as health care workers in Ebola Virus Disease affected countries. The Portfolio works closely with the Department of Health and follows nationally agreed guidelines for risk assessment and management of returning health care and other aid workers. All health care workers are processed in a considerate manner on their return to Australia.