

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/052) - Legacy Caseload numbers - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 86) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So that I am absolutely correct and sure about this: are the extra 100 people who are waiting for the minister to approve—which was part of the deal with Senator Muir—included in your figure of 30,500?

Mr Kukoc: I do not think so, but I will confirm that on notice. I think they will come on top of that.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So that we are talking apples and apples, could you give me the exact figures that the department had in February estimates last year for the same group of people? I just want to be clear that the figure I had then was 28,819.

Mr Kukoc: I remember giving evidence in the estimates in May last year and in October last year, and I was always operating on 30,500. I do not remember what happened in February. We will take this on notice.

Answer:

There are approximately 30,500 people in the IMA Legacy Caseload.

The 100 people affected by the agreement with Senator Muir are included in this number.

In February 2015, the Department reported at the Estimates committee that the caseload was approximately 30,400 (*Additional Estimates Hansard, Monday 23 February 2015, pg.115*).