

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/011) - Use of new facility in PNG - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 24) asked:

Senator McKIM: Is it the intention of the PNG government to use that facility for people who have had unsuccessful refugee status determinations and who do not accept voluntary deportation?

Mr Pezzullo: I would be reluctant, in these proceedings, to answer on behalf of a foreign government. We could take it on notice and ask them. I am not sure if they have made a public statement to that effect. If they have we will repeat that, but otherwise we would need to ask them.

Senator McKIM: We will come back to that.

Answer:

Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority (ICSA) will operate the facility. The operation of the facility is a matter for the PNG Government.