

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/221) - Regional Cooperation - Other countries approaching Australia -  
Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Following the announcement of the US resettlement deal for refugees on Manus and Nauru, have other countries approached Australia regarding remaining refugees?

*Answer:*

In support of the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Nauru, Australia has had discussions with other countries to expand options for the resettlement of refugees in Nauru and Papua New Guinea. It is not appropriate to disclose details of confidential discussions with other governments as it would disclose information captured by the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection on 7 January 2017.