QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 March 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/291) - Citizenship and social cohesion - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA) written:

Does citizenship assist with social cohesion and social integration? Can violent extremism and isolation of migrant groups be reduced by improving social cohesion?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has responsibility for migrant settlement, which helps maintain social cohesion. DSS is the appropriate agency to respond on these and related issues.

The Attorney-General's Department has whole-of-government policy responsibility for countering violent extremism and is the appropriate agency to respond on this and related issues.