QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/092) PROGRAMME – 2.1 and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Singh (L&CA 68) asked:

Senator SINGH: Are you able to tell me how many regional settlement service providers there are?

Dr Southern: I cannot recall the number. There are a number of service providers covering the whole of Australia, but Australia is broken up into different regions and some of the bigger metropolitan regions have more than one service provider, but DSS would be able to answer that question.

Senator SINGH: You cannot take it on notice?

Dr Southern: No, I just cannot remember, off the top of my head.

Answer:

This is a matter for the Department of Social Services.