

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/127) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship**

Senator Carr (L&CA 89) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I notice there is a signing of a Greece-Australia MOU on working holidaymakers. When did the work start on that MOU?

Dr Southern: Quite some time ago.

Mr Fleming: They are usually quite an extensive process.

Senator KIM CARR: So when did this take place?

Mr Fleming: I do not have the precise date.

Senator KIM CARR: You will have to take that on notice. When was the bulk of the work undertaken?

Mr Fleming: I will get what I can on notice.

*Answer:*

Australia invited Greece to commence negotiations for a reciprocal Work and Holiday visa arrangement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2012. The bulk of the work to negotiate and reach agreement on the MOU was undertaken between August 2012 and June 2014.