

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/039) - 129 Genuine Refugees - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 88) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Which is that they want more money from the Commonwealth of Australia?

Mr Pezzullo: I do not know that. I have just said I would refer you to public utterances. I will have it checked. I do not know that any Papua New Guinea official, minister or otherwise has stated on the public record: 'We want more money.'

Answer:

The Department is not aware of any Papua New Guinea (PNG) officials who have stated on the public record that they are seeking further funds from the Commonwealth of Australia in relation to the 2013 *Regional Resettlement Arrangement* and *Memorandum of Understanding* between the governments of Australia and PNG.