

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/047) - Mr. Burnside letter campaign - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 7) asked:

Senator BILYK: While you are taking questions on notice, I am sure you will need to take this one on notice. I want to know if detainees on Nauru are able to actually use Australian stamps to send mail out.

Mr Pezzullo: That is a level of detail that I do not have in my mind at all, not even if I try to recall it, because I do not think I have ever been told. Unless Ms Briscoe has got something to add, I think we just need to wrap that up in that segment that relates to the return letters being stamped with Australian stamps, and we will just look at the facts.

Answer:

The Nauru postal service does not accept letters which use Australian stamps. Transferees are able to obtain Nauruan stamps at the Regional Processing Centre canteen, which are originally purchased from the Nauru postal service.