

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/015) - PNG deportations to Fiji - Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation

Senator Hinch, Derryn (L&CA 55) asked:

Senator HINCH: As you say, PNG is a sovereign nation. They could make their own decisions. I think they have deported several men to Fiji. Could they force—

Mr Pezzullo: Sorry, Senator, I missed that. To where?

Senator HINCH: I think they have deported several men, possibly, to Fiji.

Mr Pezzullo: I am aware of a case involving a return to Lebanon. I cannot remember a case to Fiji, but I will check.

Answer:

This is a matter for the Papua New Guinean and Fijian Governments.