

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/024) - PNG involuntary removals - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 79) asked:

Senator McKIM: Can you breakdown the six forced deportations by nationality? Can you inform the committee what dates they occurred on and do you have any information about what happened to those six people once they were taken back?

Mr Pezzullo: Unless Deputy Commissioner Newton has further and better particulars, I would be inclined to take that on notice because it is information that is in the possession of the sovereign government of PNG.

Senator McKIM: Ms Newton, are you able to answer any of those questions now? No. So you will take all those on notice.

Mr Pezzullo: And we will see if the sovereign government of PNG is inclined to provide us with any information that we can provide you.

*Answer:*

This is a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea.