

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/026) - Australian government financial obligations for RRA under MOU - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 82) asked:

Senator McKIM: I do have questions. Minister, are you aware of an agreement between the Australian government and the Papua New Guinean government whereby the Australian government has agreed to bear all agreed costs incurred under and incidental to the RRA and MOU, including any reasonable costs associated with legal claims arising from activities under the MOU?

Senator McGrath: Why don't I take that on notice.

Answer:

In accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and the Government of Australia, relating to the transfer to, and assessment and settlement in, Papua New Guinea of certain persons, and related issues, the Australian Government has agreed to bear all direct costs arising out of the implementation of the MOU.