

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/043) - Torres Strait Islands locally engaged staff - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 103) asked:

Senator Pratt: What is the nature of the employment contract with the 11 spotters, I think you said? Are they in 11 different locations, or are they rostered on in different locations?

Mr Quaedvlieg: No, they operate at the islands that the deputy commissioner outlined. They are normally resident in those communities. I am not sure of the contractual arrangements by which we engage them, but I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator PRATT: I would be interested in their conditions of employment.

Mr Quaedvlieg: Sure. I am joined at the table by Assistant Commissioner Clive Murray, who runs the Strategic Border Command, under whose umbrella Torres Strait falls.

Mr Murray: They are full-time employees. In fact, last year for the first time we swore in our border monitoring officers as sworn officers of the Australian Border Force. We see it as a great opportunity for them to be drawn into our culture.

Senator PRATT: Good. Are they both male and female officers?

Mr Murray: Yes.

Senator PRATT: If you have their salary range that would be helpful, too. You might need to take that on notice.

Mr Quaedvlieg: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

Border Monitoring Officers (BMOs) are full or part time employees of the Australian Border Force and their salary range is between \$42,419 and \$53,353. BMOs are also entitled to a remote localities payment of \$19,162 per annum (with dependents) or \$9,581 per annum (without dependents).