

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/062) - Return and Reintegration Assistance Program Tender - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 131 & 132) asked:

Senator WATT: The time frame for delivery of those services is 1 July 2017 through to 30 June 2019. Does that mean that it is expected that Australia will have prolonged involvement in our regional processing facilities over that time period, until 30 June 2019?

Ms Zakharoff: No. I would not necessarily conclude that. The contract deals with both onshore returns and offshore. So it is certainly the case onshore, and that is the area I have particular interest in, but it is an all-encompassing contract. We will always need the services to support people to return home. Senator WATT: So it is to provide services to people who are in onshore detention who choose to return to their home country?

Ms Zakharoff: In fact, it is not so much onshore detention; it is people who are in the community.

Senator WATT: But it also does apply to people who are in regional processing facilities?

Ms Zakharoff: That is correct.

Senator WATT: Is any part of the services that are being tendered to offer services to people who are currently on Manus Island over that time frame?

Ms Zakharoff: If it is okay, I will take that on notice and get that detail to you.

Senator WATT: Okay. Similarly, I am interested if it envisages services being provided to people who are on Nauru as well.

Ms Zakharoff: Certainly.

Senator WATT: Thanks.

*Answer:*

The tender includes the provision of services to people who are currently in the Manus Island and Nauru Regional Processing Centres (RPC). The services will be available to the extent that an RPC is operational.