

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/173) - Visa overstay compliance activity - Programme 1.2: Border Management**

Senator Griff, Stirling (L&CA) written:

What is the annual cost of field action to locate overstayers?

How many field actions has the department conducted in the financial year to date?

*Answer:*

The official terminology for a visa overstayer is an unlawful non-citizen (UNC).

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection's (the Department) financial system does not capture details in a way to isolate the cost of field action to locate UNCs.

In the 2015-16 financial year, the Department spent \$72,414,415 on compliance activities such as status resolution, immigration status service, counter services, field compliance, sponsor monitoring and removals. This figure includes the cost of field action required to locate UNCs.

In the 2016-17 (up to 30 April 2017) financial year, there were 3,537 field actions (visited/executed).