

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/175) - Visa overstays Data matching - Programme 1.2: Border Management**

Senator Griff, Stirling (L&CA) written:

During Estimates, Mr Quaedvlieg mentioned that the Department conducts quarterly bulk data-matching with the ATO to locate unlawful non-citizens. Can the department advise whether all overstayers were subjected to data matching during 2016-17 or just a select number.

- a. Please advise on what dates the Department submitted information to the ATO for data matching during 2016-17.
- b. If the Department only submitted a select number of cases, please detail the number of names submitted, and the number for whom the ATO was able to retrieve an address.
- c. If a select number was submitted for data-matching, please detail the criteria for selection.

Does the Department do data matching with any other department or agency to locate overstayers? If so, which ones?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) submitted information to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for data matching under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) arrangement on 9 August 2016, 2 November 2016 and 9 February 2017.

The Department submits information on unlawful non-citizens (UNCs) to the ATO for possible data match each quarter. Of this number, the ATO was able to provide a possible address for approximately 15,000 individuals.

The Department undertakes data matching with other departments and agencies to locate UNCs as the need arises, including law enforcement agencies, the Department of Social Services/Department of Human Services, the Department of Education, and state and territory bodies.