

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE17/308) - Cambodia resettlement - Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide the number of people resettled under the Cambodia resettlement agreement and the dates on which those refugees resettled,

Please provide the number of refugees who have resettled in Cambodia who are still living in Cambodia at 31 May 2017.

Please provide the cost of resettling these individuals

Please provide the overall cost of the Cambodia resettlement deal

Please outline how many more individuals are expected to be resettled under the Cambodia resettlement deal

*Answer:*

A total of seven Nauru-determined refugees have been settled in Cambodia.

- The first group of four refugees arrived on 4 June 2015.
- The fifth refugee arrived on 17 November 2015.
- The sixth refugee arrived on 6 November 2016.
- The seventh refugee arrived on 30 March 2017.

As at 31 May 2017 there were 3 refugees who remain settled in Cambodia.

Australia has agreed to bear all direct costs of the Cambodian settlement arrangement.

- FY2014-15, \$0.77m was expended
- FY2015-16, \$2.71m was expended
- July 2016 to 31 May 2017, \$2.63m was expended.

The option to settle is a matter for individual refugees to consider and is voluntary; there is no cap in terms of the total number that can be settled.

The Cambodian Government will determine which, and how many, refugees will be settled.