

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

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

#### **(SE14/024) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 57) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Has there been any communication from the department to both your own staff and contracted staff about engaging with Mr Moss? Obviously, staff are under very strict confidentiality arrangements. I would hate to think that those arrangements might hinder any evidence being brought to light.

[...]

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You have just hit the nail on the head. That is the crucial point I want clarified. Have staff at the centre been told that?

[...]

Mr Cormack: [...] In relation to the specifics of how that has been communicated to the service providers, I would like to take that on notice. We have been in close contact with service providers and indeed Mr Moss, as I mentioned, has already commenced the process of contacting and interviewing them.

*Answer:*

The department notified service providers, in writing and/or verbally, of the engagement of Mr Philip Moss. Service providers have been provided with the terms of reference for the Review into Recent Allegations Relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru.