

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

##### **(SE14/078) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What measures have been put in place to assist those asylum seekers affected by the breach?

a. How is the department proposing to protect these people?

*Answer:*

- a. The Secretary wrote to all individuals affected by the breach in March 2014 advising that the department will assess any implications for those people as part of its normal processes. The department has sought to ensure that people affected by the data breach understand the nature of the breach and are able to make their own assessment of any risks to themselves and to their family.

Even though risk assessment and monitoring suggests the likelihood of access to data by parties that may seek to harm affected individuals is low, the department will consider a person's specific situation and any claims they make on an individual basis.