

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/196) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency?

- a. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

*Answer:*

From 27 May to 20 October 2014 the portfolio has commissioned four reports.

#### The 2014 Independent Review of the Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA)

a) The 2014 Independent Review of the OMARA was commissioned on 24 June 2014. The report was provided to government on 25 September 2014. It has not been publically released.

The report was conducted by Dr Christopher N. Kendall. The terms of reference were: Examine and report on:

- the performance of the OMARA as the industry regulator, its organisational capability and challenges, and the quality and effectiveness of its internal controls and governance;
- the most appropriate organisational structure for regulating the immigration advice sector in order to protect consumers; and
- the regulatory framework and powers for the OMARA to assess if they are still appropriate and identify opportunities to reduce regulatory burden.

b) The estimated cost is \$100,000 and involved the following staff on a part time basis:

- 1 SES Band 1
- 1 EL 2
- 2 EL 1
- 1 APS 6

c) The report has been completed and is currently with government for its consideration.

#### Nauru Regional Processing Centre Review

a) The Nauru Regional Processing Centre Review was commissioned on 3 October 2014. The report is expected to be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection by the end of 2014.

The report is being conducted by Mr Philip Moss. The terms of reference are available on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's website.

b) The estimated cost is \$800,000 and involves the following staff on a part time basis:

1 SES Band 1

1 EL 2

2 EL 1

1 APS 6

2 APS 5

c) As at 20 October 2014, the review was ongoing.

#### Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Review

a) The PID Review was commissioned on 16 October 2014. The report is expected to be provided to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection by the end of 2014.

This management initiated review will consider the ongoing implementation of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*. The review will examine the procedures, practices and controls.

b) The cost is expected to be \$23,343 and involves the following staff on a part time basis:

1 EL 1

1 APS 6

c) As at 20 October 2014, the review was ongoing.

#### Review of the Effectiveness of the Department's Contemporary Visa and Citizenship Fraud

a) The Review of the Effectiveness of the Department's Contemporary Visa and Citizenship Fraud was commissioned on 9 September 2014. The report is expected to be provided to the Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection by the end of 2014.

This management initiated review will consider the effectiveness of the department's contemporary visa and citizenship fraud controls.

b) The cost is expected to be \$46,718 and involves an EL 2 officer on a part time basis.

c) As at 20 October 2014, the review was ongoing.