

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/235) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the portfolio.

- a. Please list their starting and expiration dates.
- b. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

*Answer:*

The Enterprise Agreement (EA) with coverage of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) is the *Department of Immigration and Citizenship Enterprise Agreement 2011-14*.

This agreement commenced on 6 October 2014 and expired on 30 June 2014.

The EA with coverage of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) is the *Australian Customs and Border Protection Service Enterprise Agreement 2011-2014*.

This agreement commenced on 23 December 2011 and expired on 30 June 2014.

The EA with coverage of the Migration Review Tribunal-Refugee Review Tribunal (MRT-RRT) was approved by Fair Work Australia on 9 May 2012 and expired on 30 June 2014.

- b. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

*Answer:*

DIBP commenced negotiations for the next EA on 30 June 2014. ACBPS commenced their negotiations on 16 October 2014.

DIBP and ACBPS are negotiating separate agreements.

To date at both agencies, discussions at negotiations have focused on newly drafted clauses for the proposed EA as well as addressing the bargaining claims made by the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU).

Both agencies will continue to work closely with the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) on our respective bargaining positions and proposed EA offers, consistent with the requirements of the Australian Government Public Sector Workplace Bargaining Policy.

Negotiations for a new MRT-RRT EA commenced on 10 June 2014 with the issue of the notice of employee representational rights, and are continuing.