

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/088) - Cambodia - corruption - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

Did the Department have any concerns relating to corruption in the country as it was establishing the refugee deal?

Were any controls put in place to ensure that this money goes to where it is needed and not mishandled as is often the case in Cambodia?

Answer:

The Australian Government has a zero tolerance approach to fraud and corruption.

Australia funds the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to support refugees transferred to Cambodia under the settlement arrangement.

- Settlement services delivered by IOM include accommodation, employment links, education, Khmer and English language classes and health support.
- Under these arrangements, IOM is required to maintain accounts and ensure that expenditure regarding the services provided and associated costs are in accordance with the agreement and with IOM's global financial management procedures.