

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/030) - Departmental officers in Central America - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 86) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: The department has officers in the United States, from memory.

Ms Noble: Yes, we have a small number of officers who represent us from our embassy in Washington.

Senator KIM CARR: Right. And you have officers in Central America?

Ms Noble: I am not sure actually. I will need to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: If you could please, and how many officers you have in each of those locations.

Answer:

At 17 October 2016, the Department had five Australia based officers posted to the United States: two officers posted to the Australian High Commission in Washington D.C; two officers seconded to the US Customs and Border Protection Service (also in Washington D.C.) and one officer undertaking a six month Short Term Mission to the Australian Mission in the United Nations, New York.

The Department does not have any officers posted in Central America. Officers posted to the Embassy in Washington D.C. and the High Commission in Ottawa, Canada have responsibility for Departmental matters in Central America and the Caribbean. There are currently two officers posted to the Australian High Commission in Ottawa.