

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/040) - BMA Lawyers contract CN463789 - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 107/108) asked:

Senator McKIM: I wanted to see whether there was any further information available in regard to the questions I was asking about BMA Lawyers and contract CN463789. I understand that that was in fact taken on notice earlier in the day. However, given that I have now provided the contract number, I am just wondering whether there is any further information available in terms of the amount of funds that were actually provided to BMA Lawyers under that contract.

Mr Manthorpe: In short, we have not got much more information. We have had people checking it out for you. We are aware of the contract, and thank you for providing the number. We have not got to the bottom of it, but I am confident that the contract no longer exists and that we are no longer paying any money to the entity. It is all done and dusted, but we will come back on notice with an appropriate description of any exposure or any other issues there.

Answer:

Please see response SE16/011.