

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/041) - Transfer of money to Nauru - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 109) asked:

Senator McKIM: Perhaps I could raise it like this: does the department transfer any money out of Australia to Nauru?

Mr Nockels: There are payments under the MOU. They do not sit in my space, but it would probably be good to get one of our colleagues to come and talk directly to that.

Senator McKIM: Thank you.

Ms Moy: We do make payments to the government of Nauru for expenses that they have incurred. We make those payments to the government of Nauru stipulated bank accounts that they provide, which are government accounts. I cannot tell you which bank they are with at this point in time; I would have to take that on notice.

Senator McKIM: Do you know whether those accounts are based in Australia or Nauru?

Ms Moy: I would have to take it on notice. They were in Australia at the last point in time that I had that information, but I would have to check.

Answer:

Payments to the Government of Nauru are paid into an Australian Bank.