

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/078) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Macdonald (L&CA 101) asked:

CHAIR: Can I just ask a follow-up question. Minister, are you intending to write, or is Minister Morrison intending to write or communicate with Amnesty International, to point out the gross inaccuracies of their report and the seriousness of what was formerly an august body, like Amnesty International, making outrageously wrong claims and distributing those wrong claims to the world?

Senator Cash: Certainly, I raised that in the Senate in response to the question I was given—

Senator SINGH: While you just want to completely bag out Amnesty International, you might want to talk to Philip Ruddock about that.

Senator Cash: I would take it on notice in relation to Minister Morrison.

CHAIR: Sorry, there was someone else talking?

Senator Cash: In relation to the allegations, I did have the opportunity to address some of them in the Senate in response to a question from Senator Hanson-Young. In relation to Minister Morrison, I will take that question on notice for you.

Answer:

The Minister for Immigration and Border Protection will be responding to Amnesty's report in due course.