

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/275) PROGRAMME – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Is the Australian Government providing advice and assistance to PNG regarding the processing of asylum seeker applications for protection?

If so, what advice is being provided?

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*Answer:*

The Government of Australia provides advice and assistance to the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to build its capacity to assess protection claims. This advice and assistance includes:

- advice and assistance to develop PNG Refugee Determination (RD) guidelines, application pro formas, quality control process and decision records;
- RD assessment training for newly appointed PNG RD officers;
- departmental officers to conduct Transferee and RD interviews on behalf of the Government of PNG;
- departmental officers to mentor newly appointed PNG RD officers; and
- the provision and funding of independent protection claims advice and assistance for transferees to lodge a claim for PNG assessment.