

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/063) - Cambodia Agreement - Programme 2.1 Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance (Administered)

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 103) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I understood that one of the conditions was that asylum seekers must be able to work anywhere in the country and not restricted to just having to work in Phnom Penh for the first 12 months or having to move out to the rural and regional areas, which is what had previously been mooted by the Cambodian government. Has your department done any work as to the job prospects and workforce participation rate in Cambodia recently?

Ms Pope: Do you mean labour market analysis?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes. Is it really realistic that any of those people might get jobs?

Ms Pope: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

It is proposed that settlement services provided to refugees from Nauru who voluntarily settle in Cambodia will include assistance to access employment or education as appropriate.