

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/011) - Additional staff numbers - Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme - Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 34) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: So the \$33 million is anticipated to be spent over a two-year period?

Mr Groves: As reflected in the current additional estimates, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Of course if the program runs beyond 2017 you will be requiring additional moneys.

Mr Groves: Additional moneys or we would be looking to potentially move some of that funding.

Mr Pezzullo: Rephrasing would be more likely.

Senator KIM CARR: I see. How many additional staff does that bring?

Mr Groves: I do not have that information with me. I do not think it was significant. I think it was only 15 or 20, but I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The measure has an agreed budget of 25.23 Average Staffing Level (ASL) in the 2015-16 year and 11.48 ASL in the 2016–17 year for DIBP. The department has not yet finalised its assessment of the potential impact on funding in the event that a rephrasing is required beyond 2017.