

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/175) - Future class action - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

It has been reported that on 1 May 2017 that a class action will begin on behalf of 1,905 people detained on Manus Island since 2012, who is the plaintiff in this case?

- When did the Department first become aware of the case?
- When did you brief the Minister?
- What information was provided to the Minister about the case?
- Who is representing each defendant in this case?
- What is the expected cost to the Commonwealth in this case?

*Answer:*

The Plaintiff in this matter is Majid Kamari Kamasae.

The Department first became aware that this matter had been filed in the Supreme Court of Victoria in December 2014.

The Minister has been briefed about developments in the matter through regular reporting and submissions.

The Minister was provided with information regarding the nature of the case.

The Commonwealth is represented by the Australian Government Solicitor. G4S is represented by Foster Nicholson Jones Lawyers. Broadspectrum is represented by Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers.

It is not possible for the Department to provide an indication of the expected cost to the Commonwealth in relation to this matter at this time. The cost will be dependent on many factors, including the length of the trial, and the manner in which it progresses.