

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/076) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 36) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Does the department have a copy of the IHMS report I have referred to and, if so, could a copy be tabled for the committee?

Mr Cormack: If you are referring to an article that appeared in the media yesterday and again today, we are not entirely sure of exactly the nature of that particular report. We have been in contact with IHMS to ascertain exactly what is in that report. We collect a range of data from IHMS and other service providers on the level of service they provide, and we have been in contact with IHMS to ascertain exactly what it is that this person has provided. As soon as we ascertain that, we are happy to consider that request on notice.

Answer:

The department notes that no specific report is referred to and that the media report was based on a range of information that does not appear to be attributable to any single report provided by IHMS.