QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 26 - 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/607) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Xenophon (Written) asked:

1. What negotiations have the department been involved in on the Cambodia deal?

2. What visa conditions will be afforded those who resettle in Cambodia?

3. For how long will Australia support (financially) those resettled in Cambodia?

4. How will Australia ensure the money is spent on supporting those refugees?

5. How much aid is linked to Australia's upcoming deal with Cambodia regarding resettlement?

6. What guarantees does Australia expect in relation to human rights protections for those resettled in Cambodia?

Answer:

Department of Immigration and Border Protection officials and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials are in on-going discussions with the Cambodian Government to establish an arrangement that provides voluntary and permanent settlement.

The final details of any arrangement will be announced when agreed between Australia and Cambodia. Any arrangement reached would be consistent with applicable international legal obligations.