

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/151) - PNG Refugee Status Determination Process - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Does the Department accept that the PNG Refugee Status Determination Process is non-compliant with international law?

*Answer:*

Refugee status determination in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the responsibility of the Government of PNG.

PNG is a signatory to the 1951 *Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees* and its 1967 amending *Protocol*, and as such its processes and actions regarding refugees are monitored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.