

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/033) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator O’Sullivan (L&CA 64) asked:

Senator O’SULLIVAN: Sure. Do you track serial reporters? Do you have a way of saying, 'Fred sends me one every 10 minutes about the same neighbour'?

Mr Vardos: I am sure we would be able to identify serial respondents, but I could not respond to that question off the top of my head. I would have to take it on notice.

Answer:

All allegations received by the department are centrally recorded. If an allegation is provided to the department multiple times without any additional information it is reflected as a single allegation in reported statistics. Where a repeat allegation presents new or additional information this is recorded as an additional allegation and linked to the previous information.