

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/034) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator O’Sullivan (L&CA 64) asked:

Senator O’SULLIVAN: Of the 30,000—I am just relying upon your independent knowledge of this and I do not need you to take it on notice—are you able to say within some reasonable parameters how many might be referred outside? How many of the 30,000 survive the journey and end up at the Australian Federal Police or some other agency?

Mr Vardos: No, I cannot I am sorry. I would need to ask. I will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

The National Allegations Assessment Team (NAAT) reports on the number of allegations that have been referred onto other areas of the department, and those referred to external agencies. It is important to note, that other business areas may share allegation information with external agencies. The below table only provides centrally controlled referrals.

#### **Referrals by NAAT/Information Contact Unit (ICU) to external agencies**

The top five external agencies receiving referrals from the NAAT are:

- National Security Agencies (ASIO and/or Attorney-General’s Department)
- The Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA)
- The Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)
- Australian Federal Police (AFP)
- State/Territory Police

<b>Program Year</b>	<b>Number of Referrals to external agencies from the NAAT</b>
2014-2015 (July – December)	582
2013- 2014	1007

<b>External Agency</b>	<b>The number of referrals from the NAAT by Program Year</b>	
	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015 (July – December)</b>
OMARA	294	157
National Security	198	233
MRT	150	69
AFP	81	11*
State Police	59	42

\*The reduced number of referrals to AFP was the result of a request from AFP to refer more to State based authorities in the first instance.