

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/079) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How will the Government ensure the safety of the 10,000 asylum seekers whose information has been released?

- a. Has the department seen additional applications for protection from those asylum seekers whose details were inadvertently published the department's website?
- b. If so, how many?
- c. How has this impacted the current statistics in relation to RRT cases in terms of active cases?

*Answer:*

- a. The Secretary wrote to all individuals affected by the breach in March 2014 advising that the department will assess any implications for those people as part of its normal processes. The department has sought to ensure that people affected by the data breach understand the nature of the breach and are able to make their own assessment of any risks to themselves and to their family.

Even though risk assessment and monitoring suggests the likelihood of access to data by parties that may seek to harm affected individuals is low, the department will consider a person's specific situation and any claims they make on an individual basis.

- b. As at 10 October 2014, two persons whose details were inadvertently published on the department's website have lodged valid Protection visa applications.
- c. There is no impact on the number of active RRT cases.