QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/398) PROGRAMME – 2.1: and 2.2: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How much will it cost to move all bridging visa holders on to temporary protection visas (TPVs)?

Please provide a breakdown in costs associated with moving IMAs to TPVs. Where does this appear in the Budget Papers?

Answer:

The costs of moving Bridging Visa E holders onto Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) are incurred by other agencies that provide services and support to TPV holders. In the 2014-2015 Budget, impacted agencies costed support services that would be provided to Illegal Maritime arrivals (IMAs) who would be granted TPVs. This information can be found in 2014-2015 Budget paper number 2 under the measure 'Support Services and Mutual Obligations Arrangements for Illegal Maritime Arrivals.'