QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/474) PROGRAMME -

Senator Wright (Written) asked:

How does the DIBP ensure that no exploitation has occurred when an application for Australian citizenship is made for a child born through surrogacy?

Answer:

Children born pursuant to a surrogacy arrangement are assessed against the requirements of the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*. The portfolio has no involvement in the circumstances of surrogacy arrangements.