

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE15/002) - (ABYAN) - Letter requesting termination of pregnancy - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 22) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Okay. I have been given information that suggests that the department and IHMS were directly written to by Abyan's lawyers, including a statement attached from her on 14 September saying, formally, that she wished for a termination. Could somebody please check whether that is the case?

Mr Skill: Absolutely, we will confirm that.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: My understanding is that Abyan's lawyers also made the minister's office aware of that letter. Perhaps you could check whether the minister's office was made aware on that date, or if there is any information as to whether he was made aware earlier that would be helpful.

*Answer:*

On 14 September 2015, the Department received advice that Abyan wished to undergo a termination of pregnancy. The Department is not aware of advice of Abyan's wish to pursue a termination being provided to the Minister's office before that date and is unable to speak for any external parties who may have made representations to the Minister.