

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/108) - Relocation removal services - Programme 1.1 Border Management (ACBPS)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

a. ACBPS has a contract with Patrick Stevedores Operations for the provision of relocation removal services to the value of \$78.2 million.

b. Provide a breakdown of the items listed in this contract and the values of the items. "

*Answer:*

Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd is one of the major stevedoring companies in Australia and operates container terminals in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle. Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) operates Container Examination Facilities (CEF) in these locations and this contract puts in place arrangements for ACBPS to access containers for x-ray inspection.

The specific services in the contract are:

- Provision of personnel, equipment and systems to manage and facilitate the movement of Containers and other cargo to and from ACBPS CEFs in order to facilitate Customs examination processes.
- Providing priority access for the Transport Providers' trucks to facilitate the movement of Containers to and from the CEFs.
- The loading and unloading of Containers and other cargo onto Transport Providers' trucks.
- Managing the stacking and priority of the Containers going to the CEFs.
- Reporting on the movement of Containers.

The costs of \$78.2 million reflect the cost of the provision of these services over the gazetted life of the contracts (2006 to 2015). On an annual basis ACBPS x-rays approximately 100,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEU) involving an average stevedoring cost of \$14.9 million.