

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/077) - CCTV in interview rooms - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement**

Senator Gallacher, Alex (L&CA) written:

With the merger of Border Protection and Customs have any drug detection operations been compromised due to nil CCTV in interview rooms?

Is this lack of available CCTV enabled rooms a result of change in policy due to merger?

*Answer:*

- (i) The Department has no knowledge of any operation compromise.
  
- (ii) There has been no change to CCTV arrangements since the integration of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection on 1 July 2015 to form the Australian Border Force (ABF).

ABF interview rooms are located in a number of facilities including airports, seaports and detention centres. CCTV facilities are not deployed in all interview rooms due to their use for multiple functions, including body search.