

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/035) - Detention Capability Review - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 68) asked:

Mr Manthorpe: I was just confirming the secretary's evidence. The report has been released internally to our staff. We have briefed our staff on it and its implications, but we have not published it externally.

Senator McKIM: Will you publish it externally, Mr Pezzullo?

Mr Pezzullo: Given that we have established that we have not, I will have to confer with the commissioner. He and I will come to a view about whether a publicly-releasable version might be made available. It does from memory go to some details around detention risk assessments, so how you make decisions about the holding of for instance high risk or violent detainees, persons who might have a criminal history involving violence, how you keep detainees like that separated from other persons. We would have to reflect on that. I might ask the commission to perhaps join me in these remarks, but subject to ensuring that there is no compromise, Commissioner, to your operations, I do not see why we could not look at some version of a publicly-releasable document.

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes, I accord with those comments. I think there may be components that relate to operational decision making and therefore might reduce the efficacy of certain operational activities, but in the broad, in general principle, I think a public release of the document would be a good thing.

Senator McKIM: Thank you, I am comforted to hear that. Just to be clear: I am not suggesting you ought release any element of that document that would compromise the safety of the people working in your organisation or, for that matter, the safety of anyone else. Perhaps if we could find some middle ground there that would be good.

Mr Pezzullo: We will formally take that on notice. This is an opportunity for us to take on notice your request and look at whether a publicly available version can be released.

*Answer:*

A decision to publicly release the Detention Capability Review remains under active consideration.