

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE17/130) - Uniforms - Logistics - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

In regards to Australian Border force uniforms, please provide:

1. The cost per uniform
2. The supplier of the uniforms
3. The location the uniforms were manufactured
4. What country the fabric was purchased from
5. Where the uniforms were assembled
6. Where the uniforms were designed
7. A breakdown of types of complaints received from staff wearing the uniforms

*Answer:*

### **1. The cost per uniform.**

ABF officers are generally issued with one uniform type. Note that Superintendents and SES officers are also issued with Ceremonial Uniform. Maritime officers are issued with both specialist uniforms.

- General Duties Uniform - \$1032.
- Ceremonial Uniform - \$750.
- Polo Uniform – Quantities and costs vary according to role, cost per polo shirt is \$27.04.
- SES Office Uniform – No additional costs are associated with the issue of this uniform. It consists of components from both general duties and ceremonial uniform lists.
- Specialist Uniform Boarding - \$ 480.
- Specialist Uniform General Duties - \$1304.

## **2. The supplier of the uniforms.**

ABF uniform suppliers are as follows:

- Trade Import Services (Uniforms).
- Stewart & Heaton (Boots and Specialist Boarding Uniform).
- Elegant Knitting Company (Knitwear).
- Triple B Leathercraft (Velcro Belts).
- Dory Embroidery (Velcro Name Badges).
- Complete Office Stationary (Metal Name Badges).

## **3. The location the uniforms were manufactured.**

- All cotton uniforms are manufactured in India.
- All poly cotton uniforms and polyester blends are manufactured in China.
- All knitwear and hats are manufactured in Sri Lanka.
- All webbing belts are manufactured in Australia.
- All name badges are manufactured in Australia.
- Ranks slides are manufactured in China.
- Hats are manufactured in Sri Lanka.
- Socks are manufactured in China.

## **4. What country the fabric was purchased from.**

- All fabric is manufactured in the country from where the uniforms are sourced.

## **5. Where the uniforms were assembled.**

- Uniform components are assembled in the country they are manufactured.

## **6. Where the uniforms were designed.**

- All uniforms were designed in Australia.

## **7. A breakdown of types of complaints received from staff wearing the uniforms.**

- Complaints are not held centrally, however the department considers officer feedback and user testing in any re-design processes.