

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/006) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Macdonald (L&CA 53) asked:

CHAIR: Is it usual, Mr Bowles, for those to be issued to ministers?

Mr Bowles: To be honest, I do not know.

CHAIR: Perhaps you could take that on notice too.

Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice, and I will also put in the context of that it may not even be issued by my department. It might be issued by the Department of Finance. I will check all of those issues, because a lot of ministerial things are actually issued by the Department of Finance.

Answer:

Yes. The Minister for Immigration and Border Protection has been issued with a travel card by the Department. To date there has been no expenditure against the card.