

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/025) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Seselja (L&CA 86) asked:

Senator SESELJA: I apologise; I was out of the room for a little while, so I hope we do not go over old ground. I am sure you will let me know if we are. I understand that the Customs and Border Protection Service recently hosted a meeting of the World Customs Organization Asia-Pacific regional heads, and I understand several MOUs were concluded. Are you able to tell us a bit about these, and what the MOUs aim to achieve? [...]

Ms Grant: Senator, if you wanted the finer details of what was in the MOUs, I would need to take that on notice.

*Answer:*

At the recent World Customs Organization Asia Pacific Regional Heads of Customs Administration Conference, two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were signed. These MOUs were signed with:

1. Timor-Leste; and
2. Malaysia.

The MOU with Timor-Leste Customs will enable the provision of advice and guidance on a myriad of customs and border management issues, such as air and sea port border management capabilities, sea cargo regulation and risk based approaches to passenger processing.

The objective of the MOU with Malaysian Customs is to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation and mutual assistance on matters pertaining to customs and to strengthen mutual understanding and communications between them.