

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/122) PROGRAMME – 1.3: Migration, Border Management and Citizenship**

Senator Carr (L&CA 87) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Sure. So, you are familiar with the program. There were allegations made concerning a labour hire company advising people on how to avoid taxation obligations in this country. These are people who are here on holiday-maker visas. Would that be a matter of interest to the Department of Immigration?

Mr Fleming: The issues around whether people were working in accordance with the conditions on their visas would be the issues that would be within our jurisdiction.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you looking at the allegations made in the 7.30 report?

Mr Fleming: We were looking into it. We were aware. I will have to take on notice what the outcome of that was.

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection is aware of allegations concerning a labour hire company placing working holiday maker visa holders as workers with companies operating in the Australian meat industry that aired on the 7.30 Report, on 6 March 2014, broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

The allegations are of interest to the department, and the department continues to look into the allegations.