

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/010) - AAT decision leaked to Herald Sun - provision of information by the Department - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 30) asked:

Senator PRATT: We understand the AAT's findings in relation to these cases have not been published. As we understand it, documents seen by the Herald Sun reveal in each case that the people discussed in the article were given protection visas after claiming their lives would be in danger if they returned to Iran. You are taking on notice how that information came to be released.

Mr Pezzullo: No, I did not, Senator. I do not conduct inquiries into how information ends up in the newspapers. I said I was reviewing—

Senator PRATT: Who the department itself gave that information to.

Mr Pezzullo: Regarding the information that is within our control, what happened to that information.

Senator PRATT: So you will advise us of everyone you gave that information to.

Mr Pezzullo: That is a new question now. When you say 'everyone'—

Senator PRATT: Other than the AAT and the department, who would you have provided that information to?

Mr Pezzullo: That is consistent with what I took on notice before the break.

Senator PRATT: Within that, can you provide an explanation of the level of detail contained in that information?

Mr Pezzullo: Yes, I will take that on notice.

*Answer:*

The Department routinely provides advice to the Minister on Administrative Appeals Tribunal matters, including in relation to these cases. Please refer to BE17-008.