QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/147) - Importation of Asbestos - High risk countries - Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 109) asked:

Senator PRATT: There are 40 per cent of consignments coming from China. You have the USA, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Canada also. Does that mean Chinese products overall are treated with a higher risk profile if it is a product that is likely to have asbestos in it? Mr Outram: Not because it is a Chinese product per se. Senator PRATT: I think the Goods Compliance Update mentioned 21 countries other than China. Could you take on record who those 21 countries are. You have mentioned some of them. Mr Williams: The 21 countries that we have detected commodities from? Senator PRATT: In that report of April 2017. Mr Outram: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The 21 countries in addition to China are:

Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.