

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/148) - Importation of Asbestos - Brief for Australian Government Solicitor - Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 114 and 115) asked:

Senator PRATT: At the public hearing in January in Brisbane for the economics committee the department said:

We are still going through the process of trying to obtain all the admissible evidence we can before finalising a brief of evidence, which we hope to do by March. It will be provided to the Australian Government Solicitor for advice on prosecution.

Have you now provided that brief to the Government Solicitor?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I am not sure at what stage it is at in terms of either a brief to the Australian Government Solicitor for advice on the substance of the brief or whether it has gone to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. I can take that on notice and provide it to you out of session.

Answer:

The Australian Border Force has taken enforcement action against the company under Subsection 243X(1) of *the Customs Act 1901*.

Three infringement notices were issued in June 2017.