

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE17/184) - Research units – restructures - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please outline any proposals to restructure any research rolls within the Department  
Please outline any proposals to restructure this division within the Department or to disburse these staff throughout the department.

*Answer:*

A broad range of research is undertaken across the Department to inform policy development and operations. The nature of research varies and the Department is making changes to align its research functions more closely with policy and operational areas.

The Strategic Policy and Planning Division is being restructured to focus efforts in the areas of greatest need. As part of this restructure, 40 staff, including researchers, will move to other divisions within Policy Group to more directly support and provide an evidence base for policy development.