

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/042) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Bilyk (L&CA 102) asked:

Senator BILYK: What financial resources are currently allocated for the enforcement of Australia's asbestos ban, and has this changed since the May estimates?

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Senator BILYK: So there has not been any change in the last 12 months or so?

Ms Grant: Not that I am aware of, but I will confirm that on notice.

Answer:

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service enforcement activities cannot be disaggregated to determine resources attributed to enforcing Australia's asbestos ban (or any other border control). Intervention activities are undertaken in relation to the full range of border related risks at any time.

Every state and territory also independently prohibits the supply, sale and re-use of asbestos. Funding for state and territory enforcement activities is managed autonomously by the relevant state or territory authority.