QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/045) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Leyonhjelm (L&CA 105) asked:

Senator LEYONHJELM: Is there a definition of a flick knife? [...] Mr Quaedvlieg: I am as curious as you are, Senator. If I can take that on notice, I am happy to provide you with a fulsome answer.

Answer:

The goods being referred to are listed in the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*, Schedule 13, Part 2 as follows:

- Automatic knives that have a blade folded or recessed into the handle which are designed or adapted to open automatically by pressure applied to any spring, device, stud or button in or attached to the handle or blade of the knife, including knives commonly known as flick knives, switchblades, assisted opening knives or flipper knives; and
- Single handed opening knives, being knives that have a blade folded or recessed into the handle which is capable of being opened by gravity, inertia or centrifugal force; and
- parts for either of the above items.