

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/093) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

The 2014-15 Budget detailed additional spending to consolidate Customs into the Department of Immigration and Border protection. Some of the addition money was to be funded from ‘improved revenue collection ... through the use of analytics and detailed data modelling, new processes for revenue collection and targeted campaigns to improve compliance’.

- a. Can you provide some details on these measures and some examples of them at play?
- b. How much have these measures generated since the announcement in the Budget?

Answer:

- a) Delivery of these measures has commenced with the stand-up of the Revenue and Trade Crime Task Force (the Task Force), the implementation of the Strategic Border Command and the reorganisation of operational units. A Revenue Steering Committee has been established to oversight delivery and achievement of the revenue commitment. The Task Force is undertaking the foundational work in relation to the tools, methodologies and approaches which ACBPS will implement. One of the measures involves developing data analytical models to better target non-compliance with requirements which have a negative impact on Government revenue. Other measures involve improving internal processes to more efficiently and effectively assess compliance with requirements.
- b) Development of the measures is progressing and the additional \$17 million revenue forecasted to be generated in 2014/15 is on track with the majority forecast to be realised in the second half of the financial year. The 2014/15 financial year is predominantly related to design and establishment of the improved revenue collection arrangements.