

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/107) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Do you consider Ausfreights actions to be fraudulent, that is do you believe that Ausfreight collected customs duties on behalf of ACBPS when they were unable to pay them onto customs?

*Answer:*

The holders of customs licenses do not collect duties and GST on behalf of ACBPS or the Commonwealth. In some circumstances the holder of a customs license may pay duty and GST to ACBPS on behalf of their client (ie the importer).

On 29 January 2014, the ACBPS cancelled the customs depot license of Ausfreight Global Logistics Pty Ltd, due to multiple instances of delivering goods into home consumption without ACBPS's authority to do so in breach of section 33 of the Customs Act 1901.