

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/166) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Cameron (Written) asked:

With reference to correspondence of 30 July, 2014 (Ref: 1406/01401) from the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash to the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union in relation to alleged breaches of the conditions relating to Subclass 457 visa holders employed by Samsung C & T at the Roy Hill mine site, and which confirmed that the Department is investigating the matter and that “the issues you have raised are being investigated thoroughly”:

- a. When did the Department commence the investigation?
- b. What is the status of the Department’s investigation? Is it ongoing? Is it finalised? If it is ongoing, when is the investigation expected to be finalised? If it is finalised, when was it finalised?
- c. With which individuals and organisations has the Department engaged in the course of its investigation?

Answer:

- a. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection commenced its examination of the allegations relating to 457 visa holders by Samsung C&T at the Roy Hill mine site on 4 April 2014.
- b. Monitoring of Samsung C&T was finalised on 14 August 2014.
- c. The department liaised with representatives from Samsung C&T and the Fair Work Ombudsman in investigating the allegations. The department is unable to reveal details about the individuals involved in the investigation for privacy and operational reasons.