

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/185) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Xenophon (Written) asked:

In a previous answer to my questions on notice, I was informed there are a number of safeguards and oversight mechanisms which currently apply to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) that will likely apply to the ABF. Can you provide specific information about these safeguards and oversight mechanisms?

Answer:

Oversight mechanisms which currently apply to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service that will likely apply to the ABF include the Ombudsman, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity and Privacy Commissioner. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service is also subject to other transparency mechanisms such as the information publication scheme, the Senate Estimates process and processes outlined by the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*.