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Senator Ronaldson asked:

9. Tourism Smartgate

With respect to the Program 4 line activity, “*working with government agencies to support adequate planning and management of border security, transport linkages and safety to enhance tourism security*”, can the department advise what dealings it has had with Customs and Border Protection with respect to the Smartgate project? Is the department aware of deficiencies with Smartgate, and can you indicate the department’s awareness of an ANAO report highlighting the underperformance of Smartgate against its projected uptake?

Answer:

The Department participates in the National Passenger Facilitation Committee meetings where passenger facilitation initiatives, including SmartGate, are discussed by Government and industry representatives, and provides advice on the impact of passenger facilitation measures on travellers.

The Department is aware of the ANAO report Processing and Risk Assessing Incoming International Air Passengers.