

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0285) Program 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Eggleston (L&CA) asked:

What is the procedure or method of use for the card in Australia?

*Answer:*

The APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) may be used by Australians and foreign nationals to access fast track immigration processing lanes on arrival and departure from Australia's international airports.

For foreign national ABTC holders, visa and passport checks occur in the usual manner by border officials from the Australia Customs and Border Protection Service and DIAC.