

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(34) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Brandis (L&C 71) asked:

In relation to the AFP document entitled *Strategic intelligence forecast: transnational criminal trends and threats to Australia*, what handling procedures are required of you as a recipient of the document by the Australian Federal Police to preserve its security? And, if those handling procedures are in the form of a written instruction that accompanies the document, would you be able to produce to the committee the instruction—not the document itself of course but the instruction in relation to the handling procedures for the document?

Answer.

The document included a written instruction, as follows:

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