

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/016) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 19) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Okay. So you have said that you cannot tell us how many times the data was downloaded at this stage?

Mr Bowles: I would prefer to wait until the outcome of at least the interim advice to me, to give me the exact numbers.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you please take on notice, because I imagine that you will not have the answers to this question either, the IP addresses and the countries of which those IP addresses are listed in terms of where information was downloaded.

Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice, but I will caution that I do not think it is appropriate for me to release IP addresses.

Answer:

There were 26 known downloads. The fact of a download does not of itself mean that the underlying information was accessed.

Due to the risk posed to the individuals impacted by the data breach the department is not releasing information about the IP addresses and the countries for which they are listed.