

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT INQUIRY INTO FINANCIAL RELATED CRIME HEARING: 10 September 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

(Question No. 7)

Mr Russell asked:

You have talked about different techniques to prevent and deter money coming in and out of Australia. You have two dogs—one in Sydney and one in Melbourne—and you are trying to lift your capacity in relation to a national strategy. How many dogs would you require and how often are they working?

Answer:

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) applies an intelligence-led, risk-based approach to managing the border. This means utilising a range of capabilities that allow us to focus on high- risk people and goods.

ACBPS currently has five (5) currency detection dogs. Three additional dogs have commenced service since the time of the Committee Hearing.

ACBPS does not comment on operational matters, which in this case, would include the frequency and location of operations involving the currency detection dogs.