

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Parliamentary Inquiry : 08 NOV 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(FOCS – Private hearing 01) – Parliamentary Inquiry – *Inter-departmental committee*

Asked:

Senator McCarthy: What agencies are represented on the inter-departmental committee (IDC) referred to by the Department, and which is the lead agency?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection chairs the referred inter-departmental committee which relates to information sharing and includes the following departments and agencies:

- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Australian Federal Police
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission
- Australian Taxation Office
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- Australian Transactions Reports and Analysis Centre
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission

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(FOCS – Private hearing 03) – Parliamentary Inquiry – Advance Passenger Processing

Asked:

DIBP to provide the committee with information regarding the implementation and trial of Advance Passenger Processing to shipping vessels and their crew.

Answer:

The Advance Passenger Processing (APP) system provides the Australian Government with advance notice of passengers and crew arriving in Australia and verifies whether they hold appropriate authority to travel to and enter Australia. In July 2015, the Government expanded APP reporting requirements to include departing passenger and crew APP reporting data (Outward APP). Outward APP for air passengers and crew has been successfully implemented.

The next step is the introduction of outward APP reporting for cruise ship passengers and crew. Outward APP trials for cruise ships commenced in April 2016 and implementation is expected to be concluded by June 2017. This move will strengthen our borders and provide advance notice to the Government of crew and passengers intending to depart Australia.

Implementing Outward APP for crew on cargo vessels is more challenging due to the diverse range of stakeholders and technological constraints for some vessels. Rollout of the Outward APP for cargo vessels will commence once it has been successfully implemented for cruise ships. The Department will provide appropriate support to the cargo vessel industry to make this change.

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(FOCS – Private hearing 04) – Parliamentary Inquiry – Tuvalu-registered ship

Asked:

In relation to Tuvalu-registered ship 'OS-35', and especially in light of the 96 hour requirement for ships to pre-report to arriving ports,

- how did DIBP monitor the vessel?
- when was the full crew list provided to DIBP?
- did the processing of 'OS 35' involve the new trial of Advance Passenger Processing procedures for ships? If so, was it effective?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) tracked the vessel on the Automatic Identification System.

The crew list was provided to DIBP on 24 June 2016 (7 days before the vessel's arrival).

The Automated Passenger Processing trial does not currently cover commercial ships.