

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/033) - Responsibilities for Human Rights - Programme 3.1 Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 65) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I will ask you some more general questions about the department's views of its responsibilities for human rights. Has the department made any changes to the guidelines for the approval of the use of force since this incident referred to?

Mr Pezzullo: Since March 2014?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Douglas: Obviously the use of force is a very significant issue that concerns us each time it is approved. I would have to take on notice whether there was a specific amendment made as a result of that particular incident, but I would be very confident that the guidelines are continually being reviewed and upgraded.

Answer:

Since the incident involving the approved use of force on Christmas Island in March 2014, the department's *Use of reasonable force in immigration detention* policy has been reviewed but not changed, however, the department reaffirmed that the decision to use force is to be taken by a senior executive officer.