

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/024) - Uniforms - Made in Australia - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 56) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Refresh my memory on the uniforms. Are they made in Australia?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will take that on notice. I think I saw a label, actually. They may have been, but I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I will be pleased if they are.

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will come back to you on that one.

Senator KIM CARR: And, if they are not, a whole series of other questions flow from that. I also saw a report that you spent \$16,000 on flags. Is that true?

Ms Noble: I have to take that on notice.

Mr Quaedvlieg: I have no idea. I have not seen that expenditure, but we will take it on notice just to be absolutely 100 per cent sure. There was a requirement to change the Customs flag to a Border Force flag. Whether that cost \$16,000 I do not know.

Answer:

The majority of the new Australian Border Force (ABF) uniform elements were made overseas but were sourced through Australian companies.

The Department ordered 300 Australian-made woven flags, made in accordance with the ABF-related Amendments of the Customs Regulations 2015. The total cost was \$15,950.