

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE16/169) - CN3311785 - Air Charter Service Brisbane-Auckland - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA) written:

In relation to contract CN3311785 notified on Austender on 18 December 2015, titled "Air Charter Service Brisbane-Auckland 9.10.2015:

- What were the date(s) and time(s) of chartered flights associated with this contract?
- What were the departure and arrival airports for flights associated with this contract?
- What was the purpose of this charter?
- Who travelled on these chartered flight(s)?
- Why weren't commercial flights used?
- What type of aircraft(s) was/were used on this charter?

*Answer:*

On occasion the Department uses charter aircraft to move detainees when uplift approval is denied by commercial airlines.

On the 9 October 2015, one high risk detainee was involuntary removed back to New Zealand via a charter aircraft.

The detainee was refused commercial uplift due to the risk associated with his criminal history and behavior.

The detainee was accompanied by four (4) Serco escorts, one (1) International Health and Medical Service (IHMS) nurse and two (2) Department of Immigration and Border Protection removal liaison officers.

The charter departed Brisbane at 0600 local time and arrived in Auckland International Airport at 1230 local time. The aircraft arrived back in Brisbane at 1430 local time.

A Fokker F70 aircraft was used for the transfer.