

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/004) - Responsible officers for ANAO document transmission - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 15) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I am sorry if I am confusing you on this matter. This report here, that we have been discussing this session, how—

Ms Connell: You are alluding to a process. I am just trying to explain the process that we have—

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, thank you. Was there a central office that collated the response to the auditor's report?

Ms Connell: We have a branch within the corporate area that has the responsibility of coordinating responses and working right across the department, pulling together the information within the time frames provided.

Senator KIM CARR: How many officers are in that particular unit?

Ms Connell: I can get that for you shortly, but it is quite a small branch within Corporate Group.

Senator KIM CARR: Who signed off on the documents to the ANAO? Was there an officer that was responsible for the transmission of documents?

Ms Connell: I would have to check which officer signed off on that report. It could be the Chief Operating Officer, but I will have to check for you.

*Answer:*

The Department's response to the ANAO audit report (*Offshore Processing Centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea: Contract Management of Garrison Support and Welfare Services*) was centrally coordinated by three officers within the Audit and Assurance Branch in the Integrity, Security and Assurance Division within the Corporate Group.

The Department's formal response to the audit was provided in a letter signed by the Department's Chief Operating Officer / Deputy Secretary Corporate.