

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/005) - Procurement Report - Changes sought - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 16) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Can you indicate what are the areas that you sought to discuss with the Audit Office?

Mr Pezzullo: We could quickly establish it. I do not have it to hand, but there surely would be a response from either Ms Connell or someone else at the back of the report that says that we disagree with whatever.

Senator KIM CARR: But you would have sought other changes?

Mr Pezzullo: Potentially, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: What other changes did you seek?

Ms Connell: If there were any errors of fact, obviously we would have corrected those. I do not have a complete chronology of what edits were made or what suggested changes were provided back to the ANAO. We will have to take that on notice.

*Answer:*

The Department regularly engaged with the ANAO during the course of the Audit. The substance of the changes sought by the Department are contained in the Department's opening statement to the *Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement—Inquiry based on Auditor-General's reports 1, 13 and 16 (2016-17)* held on 25 November 2016. This opening statement sought to correct the record on a number of the Department's disagreements with the ANAO report (*Offshore Processing Centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea – Contract Management of Garrison Support and Welfare Services*).

This opening statement has been made publicly available at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/DocumentStore.ashx?id=91de4f92-7ed6-47a6-bbac-1229cf3645c2&subId=459886>