

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/027) - Weapons and ammunition purchase - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 51) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: And in the tender documents it says 'light weapons and ammunition'. So, that is a term that is used officially.

Mr Quaedvlieg: It is firearms.

Senator KIM CARR: It is guns.

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Right. How many?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I do not know. I will take that on notice. There are, as I mentioned, operational officers who are armed, but we also have a training facility, in terms of use-of-force training, which I would imagine would also have a stock of firearms and ammunition.

Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to advise the committee of what weapons you are intending to purchase and their numbers? And, in terms of the RFT that has been listed here, what is the scale of the purchase?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I will take that on notice. I would imagine that the armoury would be for the storage of existing weapons, and whether there are new ones for the ACT region I will take on notice.

*Answer:*

It is not anticipated that there will be any weapons purchased specifically in response to the move to a new headquarters building as the armoury proposed for the new building will replace an armoury in an existing building.