

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/029) - Use of firearms - number of incident reports - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 52) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the use of the firearms, are there incident reports that are required after the use of any firearms?

Mr Quaedvlieg: Yes, and 'use' is defined not just as a discharge; even drawing a weapon is classified as use. And there is a requirement, absolutely, under our governance arrangement for that to be reported.

Senator KIM CARR: How many times have you had such reports issued?

Mr Quaedvlieg: It is very rare. I will take the precision of the question on notice, but it would be a handful of occasions in the last couple of years, and I think in the main that would be in our maritime operations.

Answer:

Since the formation of the Australian Border Force (ABF) on 1 July 2015, there have been two use of force incident reports issued.