

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/235) - Trade with Israel - Programme 3.2: Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement

Senator Xenophon, Nick (L&CA) written:

Given that Australia does not recognise Israel's sovereignty over the 1967 occupied territories:

1. What is the present stand of the Government with regards to the import into Australia of goods produced in Israeli settlements in the occupied territories?
2. Do the Australian tariff privileges and discounts granted to imports from Israel specify that these discounts are applicable only to goods manufactured in Israel and not to goods manufactured in settlements in the occupied territories?
3. Has the government placed a requirement that Israel clearly label the origin of all export goods produced in the settlements in the occupied territories and sold in Australia (as is the case by other nations)?
4. Are the relevant Australian Authorities monitoring goods imported from Israeli settlement in the occupied territories?

Answer:

1. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) does not distinguish between goods produced in Israel and Israeli settlements.
2. No, under Division 2 of Part 4 of Schedule 1 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, Australia provides the same tariff concessions to all goods produced in "territories administered by the Palestinian Authorities" and Israel.
3. No.
4. DIBP monitors all goods imported into Australia, irrespective of their origin.