

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/054) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (L&CA 6) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: The guidelines continue:

... an official must prepare and appropriately file within the agency's records management system a written report that includes:

- a. the value and type of goods and services procured;
- b. a statement indicating the circumstances and conditions that justified the use of limited tender; and
- c. a record demonstrating how the procurement represented value for money in the circumstances.

Was that record kept?

Mr Bowles: Yes, it would be.

Senator KIM CARR: Would you be able to table that?

Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: When was it recorded?

Mr Bowles: I will take it on notice.

Answer:

The department prepared and retained an appropriate record of the procurement decision. The department considers that the document cannot be tabled as to do so may inappropriately disclose information relating to the deliberations or decisions of the Cabinet.