

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/011) - ICT Platforms - Programme 1.2: Border Management

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 36) asked:

Senator BILYK: I am particularly interested in the new ICT platforms. Was there extra money in the budget for the fingerprint scanners and iris scanners?

Mr Groves: We received an amount as part of that measure to do some scoping work around identity. I am not sure there were any hardware purchases as part of that. If there were, I would have to take that question on notice, unless the CIO is aware of the issue.

Answer:

As part of the National Security (strengthen and enhance Australia's border protection services) measures in the May 2015 Budget, the department received \$8.9m in funding (for 2015-16) for the Integrated Identity measure. This will be used to scope and develop the future biometric-based identity management system. The funding does not include the purchase of fingerprint and iris scanners.