

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/013) - Budget night fundraisers - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 41) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Mr Pezzullo, did any public servants assist or work at budget night functions at Parliament House?

Mr Pezzullo: Assist or work?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Pezzullo: Not in my awareness at all. I can look into the matter if there is something particular on your mind. Budget night functions?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, in Parliament House

Senator KIM CARR: So did any officers attend any fundraisers in the building?

Mr Pezzullo: Not in my knowledge, but I would be very glad to receive particulars.

Senator KIM CARR: Well, I would ask the question: did any officers attend any fundraisers?

Mr Pezzullo: And, as I said, not in my knowledge, but, if you were to provide me with either an opportunity to come back to you on notice or provide me with particulars—

Senator KIM CARR: I appreciate that. I would be particularly interested in, if they did attend, who requested their attendance, obviously if they were on duty.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I would be particularly interested in who requested their presence, if it occurred. Were they paid? If so, by whom? Obviously I would be interested to know if the minister requested that people attend. And, if it was not him, who was it in the office?

Mr Pezzullo: I will take all of that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Can any correspondence or requests for their presence be provided to the committee?

Mr Pezzullo: I will take that on notice. I am also guided by the chair's counsel that, if persons who are perhaps members of parties or involved in fundraising, in their completely private capacity, have been so engaged I will have regard to that, but otherwise I will look at the matter if—

Senator KIM CARR: It may well be that that is what you tell me.

Answer:

Rear Admiral Michael Noonan, AM, RAN, Commander Border Protection Command, attended the 2015-16 Budget dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House on Tuesday 12 May 2015 as a guest of Mr Glen Toscan, from Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) Australia.