

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/034) - Armed Customs Officers - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 73) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How many Customs officers are now armed at airports?

Senator KIM CARR: So not every Customs officer will be armed?

Mr Pezzullo: No.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the cost to arm those 80 officers?

Mr Quaedvlieg: I do not have that in an aggregated way. I can take that on notice. The cost predominately lays not so much in the weapons—they are relatively cheap in terms of dollars—it is more in the training and the time and effort put into the—

Senator KIM CARR: If you could take that on notice, I would appreciate that.

Answer:

The cost to arm and train 80 Counter Terrorist Unit Officers was \$1,350,080.