

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/048) - Mr. Burnside letter campaign - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Bilyk, Catryna (L&CA 8) asked:

Senator BILYK: The department advised Mr Burnside that Nauru post does not accept Australian stamps purchased in Australia. I am wondering how they know if the stamps were purchased in Australia.

Mr Pezzullo: I guess if they have been sent from Australia it is probably a pretty fair supposition they had been purchased here.

Senator BILYK: Not if they are on a stamped self-addressed envelope for a reply, for the detainee to send a reply.

Mr Pezzullo: Again, that is a matter of fact. We will just have to look at what Nauru post accepts or does not accept and whether there is another way to source appropriate stamps.

Senator BILYK: Thank you. When you do take this on notice and do the response, can I have a response that actually answers the questions and does not just try and fudge a bit, like some of the other responses I appear to have been getting?

Mr Pezzullo: We will respond in good faith and we will provide as many facts as we can in response to the question that you have asked us. I am not really sure what other matters you are alluding to, but we take our responsibilities to respond to the Senate accurately and in the terms of the questions that we have been asked very seriously. If you have got a complaint about any other matters, I would be glad to hear of it and take appropriate action, but we will respond accurately and comprehensively in the terms of the question that you have asked.

Answer:

Please refer to BE15/047.