

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/061) - Contraband in Mail - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 29) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I have just got a follow-up on behalf of Senator Bilyk. In terms of the statistics on the letters, she was seeking advice as to how many cases of powder or other dangerous goods were being intercepted at the detention centres.

Mr Pezzullo: I think on that one the deputy took it on notice, because I think we have to do some research. This is in the Australian jurisdiction?

Senator KIM CARR: I think she was seeking it as it applies generally, across both the centres. If you have not got that now, then you can take that on notice formally.

Mr Pezzullo: Can I just check with the deputies as to what their intentions are?

Mr Outram: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

From 1 July 2014 to 25 May 2015 there have been three instances of excluded and prohibited goods being intercepted at detention centres, discovered through the mail screening process.