

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/080) - Special Envoy - Programme 2.1: Citizenship

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 62) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: So you have a new parliamentary secretary in the Attorney-General's Department responsible for citizenship, which is, in machinery-of-government terms, a responsibility of this department.

Mr Pezzullo: The senator is also the parliamentary secretary in the social services portfolio as well, and will continue to be so.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but I am still waiting for the citizenship—in terms of the machinery-of-government matters, how is she responsible for the Citizenship Act?

Mr Pezzullo: Again, we will take it on notice. I think the straightforward, common sense answer would be the Prime Minister has asked them to do a particular job and the government has asked us to support them in the doing of that job. It is a lawful direction, so we will support them. But you asked about executive authority—

Answer:

This is a matter for Government.