

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/186) - Illegal exportation of firearms - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Leyonhjelm, David (L&CA) written:

1. What is the Department's view regarding awareness among licensed firearms owners that it is illegal to send minor firearms accessories to their country of travel to participate in legal hunting or shooting activities? What, if any, factors support the view that awareness is high? What, if any, factors support the view that awareness is low?
2. Are any changes proposed by the department as a result of this prosecution?

Answer:

All shooters must comply with the *Customs (Prohibited Export) Regulations 1958* when travelling overseas with firearms, firearms parts and accessories, by obtaining relevant permissions to facilitate the export of these goods. It is very uncommon for travellers with firearms, firearm parts, accessories and ammunition not to have relevant export permission for those goods prior to departure.

The Portfolio is not proposing to amend the *Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958* in response to this prosecution. The content of the Defence Strategic Goods List is a matter for the Defence Export Control Office. The Portfolio has fact sheets on both the import and export controls in relation to firearms and firearms parts and accessories on our internet website.