

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE15/202) - PGPA compliance measures - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

3. What amount of cash or contract value amounts to a significant issue or decision that must be raised with the Minister and the Minister for Finance, relating to financial matters in accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's obligations under the Act?
4. Does the Australian Border Protection Service have any policy documents on the ethical use of money in accordance with the Public Accountability and Governance Act? If so, please provide them.

*Answer:*

3. Situations where proposed commitments of relevant money will automatically be referred to the Finance Minister through the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection include:
  - expenditure over \$50 million from departmental resourcing or \$100 million from administered resourcing, which has not been and is not required to be considered through other government processes.
  - the grant of an indemnity, guarantee or warranty involving a contingent liability where the likelihood of the event occurring is not remote and/or the most probable expenditure that would need to be made in accordance with the arrangement, if the event occurred, would be significant (more than \$30 million); and
  - any contracts that may create a significant pressure on the Service's budget.

In addition the need to undertake general international travel valued at more than \$50,000 must be referred to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection for approval.

4. Please refer to BE15/193