QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/037) - Illicit tobacco seizures - molasses tobacco - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Kakoschke-Moore, Skye (L&CA 94) asked:

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: How much molasses tobacco did Border Force seize last year?

Mr Outram: I can probably come back to you in this session but I may need to clarify that.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Sure. Thank you.

Answer:

In the current financial year to the end of April 2017, the ABF has seized approximately 40 tonnes of molasses tobacco. This figure is based on preliminary data and is subject to revision.