

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE17/072) - 457 Changes - Cabinet meeting - Programme 2.3: Visas**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 10) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Have any government agencies expressed concerns about the change?

Mr Pezzullo: The reforms were the subject of a cabinet process and it went to full cabinet so departments had a chance to express their views through the normal coordination course.

Senator KIM CARR: What date was that cabinet meeting?

Mr Pezzullo: I would have to take that on notice because we do not normally talk about the dates of cabinet meetings.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, you do, Mr Pezzullo. It is not a question of the conversation, but a question about the date on which a decision is made is normal.

Mr Pezzullo: I stand corrected, Senator. You are right about the cabinet process in terms of dates. The announcement was on 20 April and it would have been some time before them so I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I am interested to know when the process started.

*Answer:*

The 457 reforms were considered by the Cabinet in the first quarter of 2017.