

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 06 June 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/146) - Importation of Asbestos - testing - Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection

Senator Pratt, Louise (L&CA 107 and 108) asked:

Senator PRATT: We had a discussion at the commencement about the number of inspections and profile matches since the last round of estimates. I think you had formal statistics in January when you reported on the number of shipments you targeted for asbestos. How many examinations have you done since then?

Mr Williams: I guess it was covered in the numbers I gave you.

Senator PRATT: That is fine.

Mr Williams: From 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017—so this financial year to date—in the latest reliable figures, there have been 7,266 matches against profiles and 602 tests conducted.

Senator PRATT: You are doing a lot more testing. Is there an increase or a decrease in the proportion of positive findings?

Mr Outram: It is not proportionate to the extra effort we are putting in. There is an increase, but it is less—

Senator PRATT: Less than the extra effort—

Mr Outram: than the actual effort put in—

Senator PRATT: Have you graphed that anywhere?

Mr Williams: I have the raw figures here, which I quoted earlier. We can certainly put it in a graph and provide it on notice.

Answer:

Asbestos: profile, tests and detections

