

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/016) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Carr (L&CA 36) asked:

- a. Senator KIM CARR: What was the basis for the minister's decision to include them on the cabinet list?
Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice.
- b. Senator KIM CARR: Can I have the date on which the department provided the list to the minister?
Senator Cash: I will take that on notice, unless the department is able to answer.
[...]Mr Pezzullo: We will take it on notice.
- c. Senator KIM CARR: What was the date on which the appointments went to cabinet?
Senator Cash: I will take it on notice.

Answer:

- a-c. In line with past practice it would not be appropriate to disclose deliberations between the department and the Minister undertaken within the appointments process. The public interest requires that communications of this kind be treated as confidential.