

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/105) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How long had Ausfreight been collecting duties from its customers on behalf of the ACBPS before ACBPS realised that the customs duties were not being passed on?
a. Is this a normal occurrence?

Answer:

The holders of customs licences do not collect duties and GST on behalf of ACBPS or the Commonwealth. In some circumstances the holder of a customs licence may pay duty and GST to ACBPS on behalf of their client (ie the importer).