

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/106) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How much duty did Ausfreight collect on behalf of ACBPS before it was realised that the duties were not being passed on?

a. Why was so much money collected before anyone in your department realised?

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).