

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/005) - Importation of asbestos breaches - Programme 1.2: Border Management

Senator Singh, Lisa (L&CA 26) asked:

Senator SINGH: I want to follow up on questions at the budget estimates relating to asbestos importation breaches. I appreciate you have given me a list in response to the question taken on notice to do with a list of those instances where asbestos was found—of which there are eight instances—and the countries associated with where that asbestos was from. That list relates from September last year until May this year. I wanted to ask you, firstly, for an update as of May this year to today as to the number of instances where asbestos has been found on import.

Mr Allen: In fact, we have reviewed the question on notice and to bring the figures up-to-date we are doing a data extraction at this point in time. We expect that we will have those figures for you later during this session.

Senator SINGH: Today?

Mr Allen: Yes.

Answer:

Between 1 May 2015 and 31 October 2015, there were 2 positive detections for asbestos within crayons and brake pads originating from China.