

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE15/081) - ABF - Firearms - Numbers/training - Programme 1.2: Border Management**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

How many officers in the ABF carry guns?

What training do they undergo before being allowed to carry guns?

What guns do they carry?

How much has the procurement of guns cost?

How many guns in circulation within the department?

*Answer:*

1. There are 808 officers who have valid Use of Force permits.
2. ABF officers must successfully complete the ABF Operational Safety Training course, delivered by ABF specialist trainers. This training is delivered nationally in each region, in both ABF, Australian Federal Police and/or commercial premises. All ABF officers who may need to be armed receive training on negotiation skills, de-escalation, restraining techniques, and Use of Force tactical options, which could include the use of weapons.

Officers are required to undertake recertification every 12 months in accordance with internal policies that are consistent with other law enforcement agencies. This training provides those officers with a variety of techniques to deal with situations they are likely to face protecting the border including dealing with individuals who are aggressive or could pose a threat to officers, the public, or others.

3. ABF Officers who are authorised to carry weapons use Glock 9 millimetre pistols.
4. The Department has spent \$163,324 this financial year on the procurement of around 250 weapons.
5. There are around 1,400 weapons currently held in ABF armouries.