

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/091) - Firearms - KPIs - Process - Programme 1.2: Border Management

Senator McKenzie, Bridget (L&CA) written:

- 1) What are the usual processing times for guns entering the country, being inspected and being released?
- 2) What are the KPIs which the Department needs to meet as an acceptable time for the processing of firearms being imported as part of a transaction/sale?
- 3) Can you provide a breakdown of the time it takes to process one firearm as compared to a bundle of 500 firearms?

Answer:

1. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection aims to process consignments containing firearms within ten working days. This is dependent on the importer producing essential documentation to facilitate the clearance process. This includes producing the necessary import permission, and payment of the relevant duties and taxes.
2. The Department aims to process this type of legitimate trade through the border in an expedient manner - with a ten working day processing time as a performance target.
3. The Department aims to process firearm consignments, regardless of the size, within ten working days. Delays are predominately caused by incomplete documentation supplied by the importer.