

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE15/098) - Illicit Tobacco - Programme 1.2: Border Management**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- NSW Police announced on 30 September that they had seized almost 9 million illicit cigarettes with a black market value of \$5.4 million along with \$2 million in proceeds of crime and \$400,000 in cash.
- And on 16 October 2015 the Minister, Peter Dutton announced that 71 tonnes of loose leaf tobacco was seized in an operation over several months.
  - o Provide a breakdown of the total amounts of illicit cigarettes seized since July 2015.
  - o How many arrests have been associated with these seizures?

*Answer:*

For the period 1 July to 30 September 2015 there have been 31 detections of illicit tobacco in the sea cargo environment involving 27 tonnes of loose leaf tobacco and 12 million cigarettes.

Obtaining the requested information for arrests associated with these seizures would require an unreasonable diversion of resources, as this information is not readily available in Department of Immigration and Border Protection Systems.