

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/099) - Budget Measures - Customs and Immigration merger - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- The Government had anticipated savings of \$40 million a year from the merger of Customs and Immigration:
 - o Where are those savings expected to come from?
 - o Is the Government on track to achieve \$40 million in savings this year?

Answer:

As part of the 2015–16 Budget, the Government announced it would achieve savings of \$270.1 million over four years through the integration of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

- The savings of \$270.1 million over the forward estimates include:
 - o A return to government of \$200.1 million; and
 - o A Departmental reinvestment of \$70.0 million to implement Reform.
- The \$270.1 million in savings over four years will be realised through:
 - o Departmental efficiencies: \$149.6 million
 - o Contract efficiencies: \$120.5 million
- The savings agreed by Government in 2015–16 were \$24.1 million and the Department is on track to achieve its budget this year.