

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/100) - Extrusions - Solar Industry - Investigations - Programme 1.2: Border Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- Can ABF confirm that they are investigating a number of companies who import solar frame kits from China for mounting solar panels?
- Can ABF confirm how many companies they are investigating?
- Why is ABF only investigating half of the importers?
- Can ABF confirm how many of the companies that it is investigating are under investigation for importing solar frame kits because these kits contain aluminium extrusions?

Answer:

Yes, the ABF can confirm that it is investigating a number of companies who have imported solar panel kits from China.

The ABF has 10 current referrals regarding the misclassification of solar system parts resulting in the evasion of dumping duties and countervailing duties.

The ABF has applied a risk management approach that has resulted in half of the importers being investigated.

There are 8 other cases that have been finalised and debt recovery processes are currently underway.