

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/112) - FOI - Operation Fortitude - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

- In an email marked Saturday 29 August, Mr Pezzullo responded to Commissioner Quaadvlieg's previous message, 'Did you discuss handling arrangements with the Minister?' Please elaborate on the handling arrangements that were put in place.
 - o Did the Commissioner convey these arrangements to the MO?
 - o What was the Commissioner's response (verbal or written) to Mr Pezzullo's question (Did you discuss handling arrangements with the Minister?)?

Answer:

The Commissioner discussed with the Minister the arrangements made to review the media clearance processes that were in place at the time Operation Fortitude was scheduled to occur, to identify and rectify any systemic failures that allowed the incorrectly worded release to be issued. The Minister was provided with updates on progress of the review, including its final recommendations and their implementation. The Secretary, as a joint primary stakeholder for the review, was kept apprised of all developments as the review progressed.