

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/004) - Mr Wyatt Roy - Awareness of intended travel - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 41/42) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I can, indeed. I can show you, here, a whole series of photographs that Mr Roy published on his own Facebook page, where he identified himself as having engaged in war tourism, where he had identified himself as coming within 50 kilometres of a declared area, a prohibited area, on his trip to Iraq. I would ask: were officers alerted to Mr Roy's intention to travel to Iraq? Were you notified of that?

Mr Outram: I do not believe so, but I will take that on notice to be absolutely certain. Just going back to my answer of the previous question, taking individual cases aside, for people who leave from an Australian international airport, there are no direct flights to Iraq or Syria. They would have to go through a hub somewhere, and it would not be immediately apparent to the border officer that their final point of destination is Iraq or Syria.

Senator KIM CARR: When did your officers become aware that Mr Roy was intending to travel to Iraq?

Mr Outram: I have just answered that question, so I will take on notice whether—

Senator KIM CARR: No, you did not. You said if they go to a hub you will not necessarily know. I am asking a more specific question.

Mr Outram: What I said to your question was that I will take on notice whether or not we had any information in advance. I do not believe we did, but I want to be doubly sure.

Answer:

Were officers alerted to Mr Roy's intention to travel to Iraq?

No.

Were you notified of that?

No.

When did your officers become aware that Mr Roy was intending to travel to Iraq?

The Department holds no record of this individual's intention to travel to Syria or Iraq.