

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE16/006) - Mr Wyatt Roy - Minister notified of travel - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement**

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

Senator KIM CARR: Okay. Maybe this is a question for the minister: when was the minister advised of Mr Roy's trip to Iraq?

Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice, to seek the information.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the date of Mr Roy's departure?

Mr Outram: I do not know the day of his departure.

Senator KIM CARR: Would you take that on notice, please?

Mr Outram: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: And at what port did he leave from?

Mr Outram: Similarly, we would need to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: And did he use a SmartGate or was he questioned by officers?

Mr Outram: All these questions, obviously, relate to—

Senator Cash: They need to be taken on notice.

Mr Outram: They need to be taken on notice, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Has there been any review of the communications or interactions with ABF staff, in regard to Mr Roy's travel, including counterterrorism unit officers?

Mr Outram: I do not believe so but, again, we will take that on notice just to be absolutely certain.

Senator KIM CARR: And you will be able to advise me as to whether or not he had a visa when he left Australia to go to Iraq.

*Answer:*

*When was the minister advised of Mr Roy's trip to Iraq?*

The Department is not aware of when the Minister was advised of Mr Roy's trip to Iraq.

*What was the date of Mr Roy's departure?*

My Roy departed Australia on 07 September 2016.

*What port did he leave from, did he use a SmartGate or was he questioned by officers?*

The individual departed Australia from Brisbane airport and was processed through an E-Gate. He was not questioned by an ABF Officer.

*Has there been any review of the communications or interactions with ABF staff, in regard to Mr Roy's travel, including counter-terrorism officers?*

No.

*And will you be able to advise me as to whether or not he had a visa when he left Australia to go to Iraq?*

No. Under the *Migration Act 1958*, Australian citizens have the right to enter and depart Australia unfettered. However, it is a citizen's responsibility to ensure they have the appropriate visas to travel to their intended destination(s).