

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/008) - Mr Wyatt Roy - Actions taken to stop travel - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 43) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: This is truly not a normal set of circumstances.

I would like to know if anybody in the Australian government—any officer involved in the Australian government—advised that these events were likely to occur and whether or not actions were taken to stop it?

Mr Pezzullo: I understand the question perfectly well. As I said, we will look carefully at our records—our holdings. We will answer for ourselves, not for other departments. Then we will weigh our legal obligations in relation to the Privacy Act and other pertinent matters, and then we will come back to you on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: That is very good. If you could do that I would appreciate it. I look forward to those answers—we can follow them up next time. As you no doubt know, this is not something that is simply easy to dismiss.

Mr Pezzullo: And please accept that the department would not want to be suggesting that. We will just look at the facts and then weigh up our legal obligations accordingly.

Answer:

The Department held no record of this individual's intention to travel to Syria or Iraq. No intervention on behalf of the Department was taken.