

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/019) - Asbestos - Letter from SA Government - Programme 1.2: Border Management**

Senator Xenophon, Nick (L&CA 74) asked:

Senator XENOPHON: My final question, within the 10-minute deadline, is: the South Australian government wrote to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, the Hon. Mr Dutton, on 8 June 2016 and 24 August 2016. The letters were by the Hon. John Rau, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Industrial Relations. Can you advise whether those complaints that the Deputy Premier of South Australia made in respect of those matters have been investigated?

Senator Cash: I can take those questions on notice.

*Answer:*

The Australian Border Force is working closely with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory work, health and safety regulators on recent incidents of imported goods that contain asbestos. These investigations are ongoing.