

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE16/052) - Garrison support and welfare services - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator Watt, Murray (L&CA 125/126) asked:

Senator WATT: Indeed—I was reading it just before that. When did the department first see a draft of that report? I think it was handed down in about mid-September.

Mr Pezzullo: Yes. The Auditor-General Act provides for the provision of an in confidence draft to affected agencies and departments under, I think, section 19 of their statute—the relevant statute. As to when that section 19 report, as we call it in the trade, was provided I might just refer to Mr Hayward. That is not to say that there were no other interactions with the audit office, including discussions between audit staff and Mr Hayward's internal audit staff pertaining to possible or probable lines of findings. But the actual draft report is a very specific term that you have used; that is a section 19 report.

Senator WATT: Yes.

Mr Pezzullo: I might just ask Mr Hayward to respond.

Mr Hayward: I do not actually have the dates. There are two processes. The first is where the ANAO will prepare their report preparation papers. That came to the department—

Senator WATT: Feel free to take it on notice if you would like.

Mr Hayward: Thank you. I will take the exact dates on notice. There were some informal responses to the report preparation papers, and then, as the secretary said, under the Auditor-General Act a formal report is presented and we have the 28 days to respond to that.

*Answer:*

The Department received an issues paper setting out the ANAO analysis of the procurement for fact checking (report preparation papers) on 8 April 2016. The Department then received the draft report (section 19 report) on 13 July 2016.