

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/082) - Emergency response taskforce - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

Are emergency response taskforces being used as a matter of policy, even where there is no clear risk?

Answer:

Emergency Response Team (ERT) personnel are service provider officers permanently based at immigration detention facilities, and are specially trained in incident resolution and enhanced use of force techniques. Their primary focus is responding to and managing critical and major incidents through either planned, Direct or Emergency Action (this includes the operation of transferring detainees across the immigration detention network). Authorisation for the use of ERT is outlined in departmental Standard Operating Procedures.