QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 28 May 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(35) Program 3.1: Border Management

Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 40) asked:

In the evidence given in answers to questions by Senator Brandis the other day which you will see when you look at the transcript, Senator Brandis makes specific reference to a report which has quite a long name. You will find it in the evidence. I would appreciate if you could also take on notice whether the department is aware of that report and, if you are aware, whether you received a copy of it.

The point was that the AFP was not able to provide us with a categorisation, if I can put it that way, of the report. I would appreciate if you could at least undertake to review that evidence, have a look at it and just see—you may come back to me with the same answer but at least do me the courtesy of having a look at it.

Answer.

The Department receives intelligence reports from a number of agencies including the Australian Federal Police. The Department does not comment on intelligence matters.