

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE16/074) - OSB JATF - Sri Lanka returns - Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

In the June OSB update it states that "in May the Australian Government also worked with the Government of Sri Lanka to return 12 people who did not engage Australia's protection obligations." Can you now provide information on how those people were returned to Sri Lanka?

*Answer:*

The Government of Australia worked collaboratively with the Government of Sri Lanka to return the 12 individuals to Sri Lanka by air.