

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/142) - Border Enforcement - Fast response boats - Programme 1.2: Border Management

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please provide the specifications for the two Fast response Boats currently under construction, to be based in Cairns. Provide delivery dates for these two vessels.

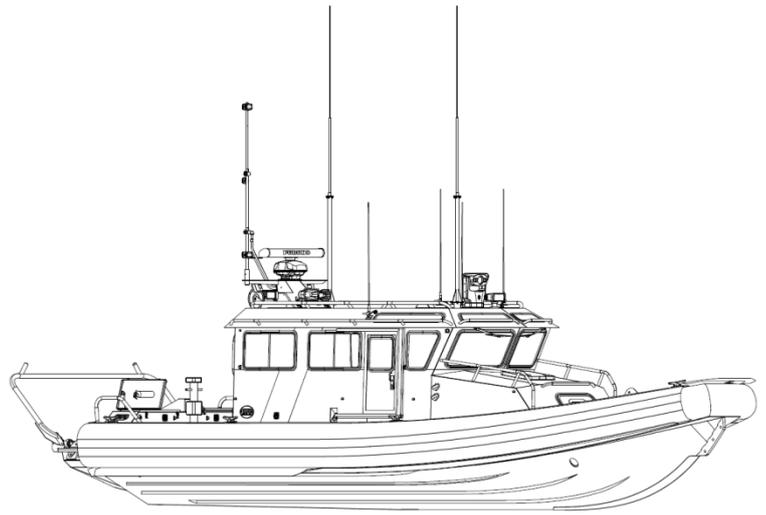
Answer:

The specifications for the Fast Response Boats are provided at Attachment A.

At the time of the Additional Estimates Hearing on 27 February 2017 the Fast Response Boats were expected to be operational in mid-2017.



**Australian
BORDER FORCE**



Torres Strait Marine Capability

Fast Response Boat (FRB)

Combating Maritime Security Threats in Torres Strait

Australia has 36,000 kilometres of coastline and an offshore maritime area of nearly 13 million square kilometres. However, the comparatively small Torres Strait region is considered to be a highly complex operating environment for law-enforcement agencies. The new Border Force FRB capability will play a significant role in border security in the region by providing a rapid on-water response to reported or

suspected border incidents and illegal activity, such as:

- unauthorised maritime arrivals
- import or export of prohibited items
- maritime terrorism
- piracy, robbery or violence at sea
- illegal exploitation of natural resources
- illegal activity in protected areas
- marine pollution and bio-security.

Specifications

Characteristic	FRB
Overall Length	11.9m
Beam	3.1m
Draft	660mm (Engines Trimmed Up)
Weight	~10,000kg
Engines	3 x 300hp Outboards
Fuel Capacity	1500 litres ULP
Speed	At least 35kts in Sea State 1
Operating Range	300nm at 25kts Cruise Speed in Sea State 1
Operating Conditions	2m seas, 40kts Winds;
Crew	Standard Crew of 4 ABF officers, Seating for 6 officers
Certification	NSCV 2A (international voyages) with 2C restriction for up to 12 persons including crew, certified by Lloyd's Register.
Sensors and Systems	Radar, Stabilised Electro-Optical Surveillance System, AIS, Orion (Situational Awareness), SATCOM, Secure UHF
Lifting Capability	Four-Point lift with certified lifting points
Weapon Systems	Fitted For Not With, 7.62mm Machine Gun (fore/aft), Weapon and Ammunition Lockers