

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/014) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Carr (L&CA 73) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: What resources do you currently use to patrol that area?

Mr Pezzullo: In recent months we have permanently stationed a Bay Class patrol vessel, which is one step down from the Cape Class. We also have a number—and I will need to take it on notice, as I did with Senator Macdonald earlier—of inshore and littoral smaller craft, under the Bay Class size.

Answer:

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service marine fleet includes the following assets capable of conducting inshore and littoral patrols:

4 x *River* Class (11.9m)
19 x *Port* Class (6.59m)
3 x Wiltrading Pursuit 640 (6.4m)
2 x Gemini 730 (7.3m)

The fleet disposition may be altered to meet operational requirements.