

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/035) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Singh (L&CA 93) asked:

Senator SINGH: While you are looking for that, can I ask have there been any additional boats purchased since last estimates?

Lt Gen. Campbell: Senator, are you speaking to lifeboats? Is that what you mean?

Senator SINGH: Any boats.

Mr Pezzullo: I spoke at last estimates in February—the period that you indicated—about the procurement process that we had initiated at General Campbell's request for the procurement of lifeboats. As to whether any have been delivered since that time, I will just have to check. The contractual arrangements were put in place at the time of estimates, as I discussed last time.

Answer:

The number of lifeboats procured falls within the public interest immunity claimed by the Minister of Immigration and Border Protection on 18 November 2013.

A total of \$2.5 million has been spent on the acquisition of lifeboats including freight and other associated costs.