

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/196) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the current budget for Taskforce Pharos?

What is the budget of Taskforce Pharos over the forward estimates?

How many staff are engaged in Taskforce Pharos?

What is the current breakdown of staff for Taskforce Pharos?

What is the projected breakdown of staff for Taskforce Pharos over the forward estimates?

*Answer:*

There is no specific budget for Taskforce Pharos, the costs are being met from existing resources.

There is no specific budget for Taskforce Pharos in the forward estimates.

There are currently four FTE engaged in Taskforce Pharos, two CL4 (EL1) and two CL3 (APS6) officers.

Staffing for Taskforce Pharos will increase to eight FTE from July for a period of six months, 2 x CL4 (EL1) and six CL3 (APS6).