

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/200) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How will the Blueprint for Reform inform the work of the new Australian Border Force agency?

- a. Will progress continue?
- b. What will change?

*Answer:*

The *Blueprint for Reform 2013-2018* was released in July 2013 as the basis for discussion and design of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) Reform Programme. Since the release of the Blueprint for Reform, ACBPS has made a number of significant steps in its ongoing reform process including the launch of the new operating model on 1 July 2014.

With the announced consolidation of ACBPS and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection a Portfolio Reform Task Force was established on 12 May 2014. The Task Force will oversee the consolidation, including the design of the Australian Border Force. Activity to develop a consolidated organisational model is underway.

- a. Yes.
- b. Elements of the reform programme to change, if any, are yet to be determined.