

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/214) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you please provide an update on the gift of two bay class vessels to Malaysia?

- a. When is the deed expected to be finalised?
- b. Has the exchange of letters occurred yet? If not why?

Why are there 4 vessels being provided to Malaysia when only two have been provided to Sri Lanka?

*Answer:*

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service is working with the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) on the program for transfer of the two *Bay* class vessels, which will be provided to Malaysia by mid-2015. An exchange of letters and deed are being developed in consultation with MMEA and will be finalised during 2014.

In accordance with the announcement made by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection on 6 February 2014 two vessels will be transferred to Malaysia, as was the case with Sri Lanka.