

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/233) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What do ‘on water operations’ entail?

*Answer:*

On-water operations, as previously noted in question on notice SE13/0256, are defined as:

- any operational activity relating to the Maritime domain.
- This relates to air and water activities concerning the transit and operational outcome of those attempting to reach Australia, which may include; but is not limited to:
  - on-water response;
  - detection;
  - interception;
  - boarding;
  - transfer of vessel and/or people;
  - search and rescue activities;
  - surveillance;
  - intelligence; and
  - surface and aerial asset disposition, procedures, activities and the decision making in relation to any of the above.