

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/236) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are SIEVs intercepted inside or outside of Australia's EEZ?

Answer:

The safety of life at sea is the primary consideration which informs on water operations.

Beyond that, the answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.