

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/241) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are there any guidelines or policy directions provided to Navy personnel regarding the conduct of tow-backs?

- a. If so, what do these guidelines and/or policy directions entail?
- b. What are these guidelines and/or policy directions based on?
- c. How are navy personnel, SIEV crew members and passengers safety at sea ensured?

*Answer:*

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.