

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/243) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Would you describe asylum seekers being in Australia's custody when they are intercepted?

Answer:

It is not appropriate to comment on on-water operations or on any legal position of the Commonwealth in respect to this matter.