

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/246) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are people taken off the vessel they arrived on?

If so, for how long?

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.

Provision of this information may advantage people smugglers and undermine the effectiveness of on-water operations.