QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/252) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How often does the Special Envoy travel?

- a. To where?
- b. Whom does the Special Envoy meet with on the these trips?
- c. Who accompanies him?

Answer:

The Special Envoy travels as required to meet with relevant officials.

The Special Envoy travels on his own, or on occasion with a staff member or the Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues.

The Special Envoy has made the following trips as at 31 May 2014:

- 7 12 October 2013 Indonesia
- 20 31 October 2013 Indonesia
- 12 28 November 2013 Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Bangkok and Jakarta
- 3 4 December 2013 Sydney
- 7 20 January 2014 Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, Colombo and Singapore
- 2 10 February 2014 Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Yangon
- 16 21 February 2014 Jakarta and Denpasar
- 9 12 March 2014 Singapore
- 18 March 2 April 2014 Jakarta, Singapore, Dhaka and Dubai
- 8 16 April 2014 Kuala Lumpur and Hanoi
- 6 7 May 2014 Sydney