

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/278) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Onshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

In an interview dated 28 February 2014, Minister Morrison made a commitment to the Northern Territory police force that over the next two years they would have the support of the government to assist in the ‘detention footprint’ and to conduct its regular activities.

- a. What is the nature of this support?
- b. Have additional personnel been committed?
- c. If so, how many?
- d. What are their roles?
- e. How will they support the Northern Territory police force in their regular and/or ‘detention footprint’ duties?
- f. If not, why not?

Answer:

- a. Under the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Northern Territory Police (NTP), NTP have committed to respond to immigration detention facility incidents that require a police response, undertake investigation of offences and provide general community policing services as required.
- b. Yes.
- c. DIBP will provide capacity building funding for 94 sworn police and 9 civilian staff.
- d. The role of the NTP under the MOU is detailed in answer a.
- e. Outside of the commitment by NTP to provide services to IDFs, allocation of police resources for regular duties is an operational matter for NTP.
- f. Not applicable.