

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/298) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)
Offshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the status of the ‘convergence’ of information between the PNG investigation and the Cornall inquiry?

- a. Why was it necessary to ‘converge’ the information contained in these two reports?
- b. Who made the decision to converge information?
- c. Have any changes been made to either report on the basis of this convergence of information?
- d. If so, what changes have been made? What information from the PNG report required this change in the Cornall report? Why was it changed?

Answer:

The investigation by the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the Cornall inquiry are two separate, distinct undertakings and have not been converged.