

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/371) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

Are asylum seekers tracked once they are returned to Indonesia, either on their own vessels or on the orange lifeboats?

- a. Are you confident that all of the personnel that we've returned to Indonesia have arrived safely?
- b. Are any efforts made to alert the Indonesian authorities of the vessels being returned so that they can apprehend any people smugglers who may be on-board or question the crew to assist in their search for people smugglers?
- c. Do we inform Indonesian authorities about any injuries that the asylum seekers or crew may have been treated for so that they can get the healthcare that they need upon returning to Indonesia – such as antibiotics for infections or dressings for wounds?

Answer:

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operation activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.