

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/379) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

Paragraph 36 of the Review indicates that senior ADF and Customs officers were provided with the opportunity to comment on the review. Does this include all the commanding officers on the vessels in question?

a. Were all the personnel who have subsequently been disciplined as a result of these incursions given the opportunity to comment on the report?

Answer:

No.

- (a) No. As provided by the recommendations in the Review, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and Australian Defence Force authorities separately conducted professional conduct inquiries. These inquiries provided avenues for detailed comments by personnel involved in accordance with natural justice requirements.