

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/381) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

In relation to the redacted recommendations on page 19, do you share the view of the FOI officer that if the black text from recommendations 4 and 6 were removed it would create a substantial adverse effect on the operation of the agency?

a. Would you be unable to continue the operation of OSB if the public knew what recommendations 4 and 6 are?

Answer:

Yes. The decision was made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

- a. The proper and efficient conduct of ACBPS, Defence and other border protection agencies involved in the Joint Agency Task Force for Operation Sovereign Borders would be, or would reasonably likely be, substantially adversely affected. It is not possible to determine the specific consequences flowing from such disclosures.