

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/382) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

In paragraph 140, the protocol for appointment of Custom's officials to become part of Border Protection Command is detailed QUOTE "When control of an ACBPS asset is transferred from one authority to another the CHOP (Change of Operational control Procedure) reaffirms any operational limitations on the asset and any potential limitations that may be identified in the future."

Can you inform the committee if the "Change of Operational control Procedure" highlighted any shortcomings with the navigational skills – specifically in relation to the location of Indonesian territorial waters?

*Answer:*

The CHOP did not highlight navigational shortcomings. For further information in relation to causational factors, refer to the Review finding contained on Page 4 of the Executive Summary which was tabled in the Senate on 3 March 2014.