

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/385) PROGRAMME – Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

In relation to question on notice number 48 – you indicated that there are policies and procedures which QUOTE “set out information reporting requirements for assigned assets” and when they should report that information back to headquarters.

Can you please tell me what those requirements are and what information they refer to? Basically – what information is sent back, to whom is it sent, how often is it sent?

- a. Further, what information is reported as “a matter of urgency”?
- b. What information is reported routinely?
- c. What information is reported as part of a post-patrol report or review?

*Answer:*

The frequency and type of information reported by Royal Australian Navy, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service units or other assets undertaking border protection tasks is dependent on the operational circumstances and the reporting options available. All assets assigned to border protection duties are required to report their location and disposition at least once per day, with Royal Australian Navy units reporting their position four times per day. In addition, on-occurrence reporting will occur for operationally significant events or events requiring an expeditious response, such as medical concerns, key equipment malfunctions or detections of interest.

A post-patrol report is a summary of the activity conducted by the unit during a patrol period. This is submitted by the unit Commanding Officer as soon as practicable after the patrol and includes, as appropriate, a summary of each operational event, significant maintenance issues, logistic support issues, fuel use and crew information.