

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/123) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many boats have been turned around since OSB began?

a. Please describe how these turnbacks occur.

*Answer:*

There have been 12 ventures removed from Australian waters through the course of Operation Sovereign Borders.

Information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity, will not be disclosed.