

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/128) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Did the Minister contact the Government of India to discuss the return of these asylum seekers?

- a. If so, what was discussed during that talk?
- b. If not, why not?

Answer:

The Australian Government, including the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, discussed with Indian counterparts the return of the illegal maritime arrivals who had departed from India in line with Australian policy.