

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/131) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Would the department describe asylum seekers being in Australia's custody when they are intercepted?

Answer:

The legal status of persons intercepted by Australia at sea is determined by a number of factors relevant to each particular case.

It would not be appropriate to further comment on on-water operational matters.