

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/133) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Why were these persons not transferred to Christmas Island or an offshore processing centre in the first instance?

a. What was the level of Departmental involvement in this case?

Answer:

In line with Australian Government policy, all people smuggling ventures seeking to illegally enter Australian waters will be removed where safe to do so.

Departmental involvement was dictated by operational requirements.