

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/134) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Since last estimates in May 2014, what is OSB's overall budget?

- a. What has been the overall spend since the Operation commenced?
- b. Please provide a breakdown of that spending
- c. Since last estimates, have there been any additional capital costs?
- d. Any additional boats purchased?
- e. How many additional personnel are now working on OSB?
- f. How many overall have worked on OSB since it commenced?
- g. How many reservists have been working on OSB since it started?

Answer:

a-b. The budgets of the 16 agencies are the responsibility of the individual agencies. They are not amalgamated into a single Operation Sovereign Borders budget.

Budget information is outlaid in the Mid-Year Economic Financial Outlook and the 2014-15 Budget.

c. No.

d. Yes.

e-g. There is no aggregated Operation Sovereign Borders staffing total. Each agency individually manages their own personnel, including staffing numbers, in order to achieve required goals. Questions regarding personnel are best directed to individual agencies.