

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/142) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How does the Government plan to retrieve the orange lifeboats from Indonesia?

- a. Under which budgetary heading do the cost of these lifeboats fall under?
- b. Are they included in Australia's defence expenditure?
- c. Are they included in Australia's DIBP expenditure?

*Answer:*

To date, the Government has not sought the return of any lifeboats.

*a-c.* The funding for the lifeboats was included as one of a range of measures in the 2013-14 Mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook under the heading: *Operation Sovereign Borders – strengthening response capability for illegal maritime arrivals.*

Expenditure for lifeboats is the responsibility of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.