

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/154) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are SIEVs intercepted inside or outside of Australia's EEZ?

*Answer:*

SIEV's may be intercepted inside or outside Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) subject to a case-by-case consideration of the circumstances and the legal framework around such circumstances, having regard to Australia's domestic law and Australia's international obligations.