

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE14/159) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are there any guidelines or policy directions provided to Navy personnel regarding the conduct of tow-backs? If so, what do these guidelines and/or policy directions entail? What are these guidelines and/or policy directions based on? How are navy personnel, SIEV crew members and passengers safety at sea ensured?

- a. When a boat arrives, how is that arrival recorded?
- b. Who records it? Presumably customs in the first instance?
- c. Is it electronic or hard copy?
- d. How are identities of those on board recorded and stored?
- e. How are boat arrivals recorded and stored?
- f. How are these boats identified?
- g. How are these records passed on to DIBP?
- h. How does DIBP store these records?
- i. How then are these records used in the application process?
- j. Are turn-backs recorded?
- k. If so, how?

*Answer:*

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.