

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(SE14/164) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Which regional countries have indicated their willingness to commit to strengthening their borders?

*Answer:*

Considerable progress has been made in strengthening regional borders with increased cooperation between regional countries under the auspices of bilateral and multilateral forums including the Bali Process, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Association for South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Pacific Immigration Directors' Conference (PIDC) and Regional Cooperation on Combatting Piracy and Armed Robbery against ships in Asia (ReCAAP). The portfolio will actively engage in border related activities with the following countries over 2014-15; Brunei Darussalam, Burma, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vanuatu and Vietnam.