

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/165) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the possible human rights implications of the ‘strengthening regional borders’ initiative?

a. How will the Department ensure that our regional partners in this initiative appropriately take into account human rights obligations?

Answer:

Australia takes seriously its international legal obligations, including human rights obligations. Australia ensures that any arrangements entered into are consistent with those obligations.