

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/183) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Does the Department conduct any monitoring of the people it forcibly returns to ANY country?

Answer:

No. Australia is bound by the customary international law principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other sovereign states. Australia's consular obligations and entitlements under international law do not extend to monitoring the welfare of non-nationals offshore.