

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/073) – OSB JATF – conditions of A Current Affair crew - Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

What conditions were placed on the journalists and crew from A Current Affair to be embedded on an OSB mission earlier this year? Were any contracts signed? Who paid for the crew's expenses?

Answer:

All persons on board our vessels are subject to the direction of the Master of the vessel. Additionally, visitors on board our vessels are required to follow directions related to work health and safety requirements at sea. No other conditions were placed on the *A Current Affair* crew.

No contracts were signed with *A Current Affair*. The crew from *A Current Affair* met their own expenses for travel to and from ABFC Ocean Shield. Accommodation and meals on board were provided by the vessel.