

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(SE16/076) - OSB JATF - May update - Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

The Operation Sovereign Borders May update asserted that during the 1 May - 30 May period, "the Australian Government safely returned the passengers and crew of one vessel to their country of departure." The June update confirmed this incident as additional to the takeback of 12 Sri Lankan Asylum Seekers, which also occurred in May.

What was the country of departure, how many passengers/crew were on board and where were they from, and can you provide information about any screening that took place on board?

*Answer:*

The Australian Government assisted the return of three persons to Indonesia after their vessel broke down.