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Question:

What are the terms of reference of the Border Protection Task Force?

Answer:

There are no formal terms of reference for the Border Protection Taskforce.

The Border Protection Taskforce is a senior official level inter-departmental taskforce that provides whole-of-government policy advice on maritime people smuggling issues, and is co-chaired by the National Security Adviser and the CEO of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.