

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14-22)**

Senator Carr (L&CA 33) asked:

Mr Groves: Yes, we utilised existing contractual arrangements for the procurement of the lifeboats. We went out to two existing suppliers of maritime capability and sought quotes under that arrangement, so the contractual arrangements would have already been gazetted under those arrangements.

Senator KIM CARR: When did you go to market for the original contract?

Mr Groves: They are long-held contracts. I do not have that information with me.

Mr Pezzullo: We will have to take that on notice. Are you making reference to the use of those contracts for the lifeboat acquisition or the original standing contracts?

*Answer:*

The original requests for tender in relation to these services were published via AusTender on 23 June 2009 and 28 July 2006 respectively.