

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/45) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (L&CA 60) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: You can take this on notice. I would like to know the number of boat arrivals, in percentage terms, for the periods between 23 September 2013 and today and between 19 November and today.

Lt Gen. Campbell: But what is the total that we are creating the percentage from?

Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the drops; I am looking at the actual decline. I am interested to know the causal effect of decisions made, given the statements that have been asserted.

Answer:

There were 22 boat arrivals between 23 September 2013 and 21 February 2014. There were eight boat arrivals between 19 November 2013 and 21 February 2014. Comparing the two periods there has been a decrease in boat arrivals of 63 per cent.