

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE14/049) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (L&CA 79) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Mr Secretary, what is the breakdown of the \$40.9 million to be spent over three years that is described, as I understand it, in the MYEFO statement, to 'enhance the ability of regional countries to detect and disrupt irregular movement of people to Australia'?

Mr Bowles: I don't have it to hand specifically. I will see if someone can get the information for us and I will read it into the record if we get that. But, largely, it is to do with the whole capacity-building and border management systems with Indonesia. We work quite closely with a range of countries in the region. That tries to strengthen our border management.

Senator KIM CARR: Will you take that on notice, please?

Mr Bowles: I will take that on notice, yes.

*Answer:*

The breakdown over the three years is as follows:

- 2013/14 - \$19.3 million
- 2014/15 - \$11.7 million
- 2015/16 - \$9.9 million

The overwhelming majority will be spent in Indonesia with smaller amounts spent in other regional countries

To enhance their border management arrangements, including:

- Interactive Advance Passenger Information Capability;
- enhanced passenger screening at major hub airports adjacent to source and transit countries;
- immigration intelligence, document examination, and facial comparison capacity building activities;
- the placement of Airline Liaison Officers (ALO) in the region;
- enhancing border programme management in source and transit countries;
- Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS); and
- biometric data exchange.