

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE14/108) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Has the discontinuation of visas on arrival to Iranians in Indonesia slowed the arrival of boats?

To what extent had this measure affected the arrival of boats in Australia?

*Answer:*

It is assessed that a range of factors have contributed to the reduction in boat arrivals since July 2013, including the changes to Indonesia's visa-on-arrival scheme for Iranian passport-holders.

It is not possible to quantify the extent of the effect of any single factor in isolation.