

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Question

With respect to the Australian Maritime Identification System ability to exchange information with Indonesian agencies provide:

- a) Details of cost associated with the system.
- b) Details of what Indonesian agencies will receive the information.
- c) Details of what Indonesian agencies have requested information sharing.
- d) Details of what limitations have been identified with Indonesian agencies capacity to exchange information with the Australian Maritime Identification System.

Answer:

- a) The cost of this measure is estimated at \$5.7 million over four years.
- b) The Indonesian agencies who will receive the information are the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), the Maritime Security Coordinating Board (Bakorkamla) and the National Search and Rescue Agency of Indonesia (Basarnas).
- c) These three agencies have expressed an interest in the information exchange.
- d) The Indonesian agencies are equipped with varying levels of computer and communications technology; the information exchange design is necessarily unique to each agency. Implementation of the data exchange will require significant assistance from Australian Customs and Border Protection Service personnel in Indonesia; following implementation, personnel will also be required to ensure the robustness and supportability of the information exchange capability.