

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Question

How much will be spent on extending the capability of the existing Australian Maritime Identification System?

What aspects of the Australian Maritime Identification System will be expanded?

How will this expand information exchanges with Indonesian agencies?

Answer:

The total cost for Australian Maritime Identification System, will be \$5.7m over four years.

The following aspects of the AMIS systems will be expanded:

- Additional hardware will be purchased to support the implementation of the necessary ICT networking capabilities with each of the three Indonesian maritime agencies;
- AMIS data exchange software capability will be expanded to support the implementation;
- The implementation of the necessary hardware and network capability will be supported by the AMIS Technical Team at each of the Indonesian agencies (MMAF in 2013-14, and others in 2014-15);
- AMIS data management, data processing and reporting capabilities will be enhanced to handle the data being received from the Indonesian agencies; and
- AMIS technical design, security accreditation and support documentation will be updated to detail the changes.

The data exchange specifically relates to sharing of fishing and merchant vessel position reports within an agreed geographic area during cooperative patrols. The geographic area that defines the reporting may be varied and be different for each party depending upon current operational interest of the parties, any limits requested by the receiving party to reduce traffic volume and competing priorities or conflicts that may require additional geographic filtration.