

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/158) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator CARR (Written) asked:

In response to a written question from Senator Ludwig at the November estimates, regarding the Department's independent media studios, the Department said ACBPS had a separate briefing room in addition to the basic media studio that was established in late 2013 with a set up cost of \$234 889, ongoing cost of \$94 291 in 2013-14 and projected cost of \$99 495 in 2015-16.

For what reason was this additional "separate" briefing room set up?

Who made the decision to set it up?

From what pool of money has it been funded?

How often is it used?

Where is it located?

*Answer:*

When the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) undertook the office fit out work to establish Headquarters Joint Agency Task Force (JATF) Operation Sovereign Borders (OSB) in October 2013, the need for a media briefing room was highlighted.

The facility was funded as part of the establishment of OSB JATF.

The media briefing room is an ACPBS multi-purpose facility in Canberra and is used for ACBPS public media events as well as general briefings and meetings internal to the Service.