QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/262) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

At page 167 it states that "The Government will provide \$10.0 million over three years (including capital funding of \$1.1 million in 2013-14) to establish a Joint Agency Taskforce (the Taskforce) to implement Operation Sovereign Borders. The Taskforce is headed by a three star military commander, and comprises representatives from several Commonwealth agencies. The funding is for the fit-out and set up of the Taskforce's headquarters, travel costs and specialist equipment. Provide a breakdown of the \$10 million to establish the Joint agency taskforce.

Answer:

As at 31 January 2014, the following amount was spent on the establishment of Joint Agency Taskforce Headquarters (not including travel):

| Item | \$m |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Office | 0.022 |
| IT and Communications | 0.086 |
| General Operating | 0.096 |
| Leases (media room, car parks) | 0.039 |
| Capital | 1.372 |
| Total | 1.615 |