

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/285) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the breakdown of the \$40.9 million to be spent over 3 years to enhance the ability of regional countries to detect and disrupt irregular movement of people to Australia?

How much will be spent on cooperation with Indonesia?

What does this cooperation entail?

What will the portion of the \$40.9 million be spent on?

How much will be used to boost the search and rescue response capability of the Indonesian authorities as stated in the document The Coalition's Policy for a Regional Deterrence Framework to Combat People Smuggling?

How much will be spent on cooperation with Sri Lanka?

What does this cooperation entail?

What will the portion of the \$40.9 million be spent on?

How much will be spent on cooperation with Malaysia?

What does this cooperation entail?

What will the portion of the \$40.9 million be spent on?

Answer:

The breakdown over the three years is as follows:

- 2013/14 - \$19.3 million
- 2014/15 - \$11.7 million
- 2015/16 - \$9.9 million

The overwhelming majority will be spent in Indonesia with smaller amounts spent in other regional countries

To enhance their border management arrangements, including:

- Interactive Advance Passenger Information Capability;
- enhanced passenger screening at major hub airports adjacent to source and transit countries;
- immigration intelligence, document examination, and facial comparison capacity building activities;
- the placement of Airline Liaison Officers (ALO) in the region;
- enhancing border programme management in source and transit countries;
- Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS); and
- biometric data exchange.