

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/311) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

Please provide an organisational chart of the relationships between all of the agencies that contribute to Operation Sovereign Borders, including details of what each of those agencies are responsible for, which Minister they report to and what information do these reports contain.

Answer:

The organisational charts attached detail the chain of command between the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Australian Defence Force and the Operation Sovereign Borders Joint Agency Task Force, and the broad structure of the Joint Agency Task Force (JATF) including identifying all contributing agencies.

Staff are seconded to Operation Sovereign Borders to contribute to a wide range of JATF activities and processes. While some of them bring particular portfolio expertise, many of them are undertaking responsibilities which have little or no direct connection to their home agency. Their roles in the JATF do not include reporting back formally to their home agencies or Ministers responsible for their agencies.



