

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/325) PROGRAM – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator CONROY (WRITTEN) asked:

What is the standard procedure for handling a significant event when they occur as part of Operation Sovereign Borders, internally, with the media and with the Minister's office?

*Answer:*

There are no specific rules for the determination of what is a "significant event". This is determined on a case-by-case basis.

However, there are procedures for the communication of information for a range of operational situations to ensure that the appropriate decision makers are actively involved in the management and passage of information, through Operation Sovereign Borders, to the Minister of Immigration and Border Protection.