

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

The report talks about “OSB patrols” (para 12) and “OSB tactical missions” (para 13), Can you describe what these terms mean and what the difference is between them?

Answer:

The nature of Operation Sovereign Borders ‘missions’ and ‘patrols’ is subject to the extant Public Interest Immunity Claim by the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection surrounding Operation Sovereign Borders. Information on the patrols and missions undertaken under the auspices of Operation Sovereign Borders would fall within that claim.