

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

The report mentions that each patrol plan is approved in advance by Operational Command (para 10) and was reviewed by Operational Headquarters (para 13). Please describe the purpose of these patrol plans and the information which is contained in them?

Answer:

In the context of the report, a patrol plan provides general guidance defining the area of operations, priorities and specific tasks to be undertaken during a patrol. In the development of a patrol plan, weather conditions, navigational risks, different time zones, quarantine requirements, fuel states and transit speeds are examples of detailed processes that are considered. Additionally, relevant instructions and regulations required under International Maritime Organisation standards and both Navy or Australian Customs and Border Protection Service requirements in terms of safe passage are considered.