

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

Were all of the Australian vessels that entered Indonesian territorial waters following the courses set out in their patrol plans at the time that they entered Indonesian territorial waters, or had some or all of them been forced to leave their planned course to perform other duties?

Answer:

As noted in the Joint Review of Positioning of Vessels Engaged in Operation Sovereign Borders – Executive Summary, the incursions were inadvertent, in that each arose from the incorrect calculation of the boundaries of Indonesian waters.