

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE14/333) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

There have been other reports that Australian vessels involved in Operation Sovereign Borders have turned off their navigational lights. Have these reports been investigated?

*Answer:*

The use of navigational lights by vessels involved in Operation Sovereign Borders is in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.