

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE14/347) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Conroy (written) asked:

What is the legal basis for forcing these asylum seekers into these life boats and towing them back to Indonesia?

*Answer:*

Without accepting the premise of the question, in line with the practice of past governments it would not be appropriate to disclose the content of legal advice.