

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/351) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Conroy (written) asked:

Has the Department sought legal advice on the compatibility of Operation Sovereign Borders with Australia's obligations under the Refugee Convention?

- a. From whom was this legal advice sought?
- b. Has this legal advice been provided?
- c. On what date was it provided?

Answer:

Yes.

- a) The Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Government Solicitor.
- b) Yes.
- c) Advice has been provided on a number of occasions.