

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE13/357) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

What equipment is issued to Australian personnel who are engaged in boarding and transfer operations as part of Operation Sovereign Borders?

Are all personnel involved in these operations properly trained in the use of all of this equipment?

a. What does the certification process involve?

Do relevant personnel receive legal training about the circumstances under which they can use each piece of their equipment?

Answer:

All personnel receive appropriate equipment and training to conduct operations specific to their role. Certification is dependent on the type of duties undertaken and may include legal training. Specific details will not be discussed as this could prejudice the effectiveness of these training, techniques and procedures.