### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

# (AE14/521) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Are the minister(s) or their staff informed of FOI requests or referrals from other department/agencies?

#### Answer:

The Joint Agency Task Force does not inform the Minister(s) or their staff of any FOI requests.

An agency may consult with Minister(s) or their staff where documents originated from the Ministers' Office or the FOI request has direct implications for a Minster's portfolio responsibilities.