QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/524) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Have a public interest defence, why was the policy of FOI informing to OSB made, who requested it?

Answer:

Lieutenant General Angus Campbell, Commander of the Operation Sovereign Borders Joint Agency Task Force (JATF), requested JATF agencies provide information on FOI requests received.

This is consistent with standard practice to consult across agencies regarding FOI requests where information may originate from, or impact upon, other agencies functions or activities.