

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0047) PROGRAM – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (L&CA 87) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: How much is being spent on the current functions that are being undertaken as part of this new program? What is the current appropriation for the functions that have been undertaken by the 16 agencies that are part of the Operation Sovereign Borders? Mr Bowles: Again, I do not have that information to hand.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice? Mr Bowles: We can take that on notice, but let me just say: it is not amalgamated into a single budget. The budgets relate to the departments concerned, and that is where they will stay.

Answer:

The budgets of the 16 agencies are the responsibility of the individual agencies. They are not amalgamated into a single Operation Sovereign Borders budget.

Since Additional Estimates were held in November the Government released the Mid-Year Economic Financial Outlook. Further detail can be found there.