

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0052) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (L&CA 99) asked:

Senator Cash: My understanding, for the benefit of the committee, is that the transfer arrangements will be settled with Sri Lanka by the minister, as I have stated, and they will be made under the existing memorandum of understanding with Sri Lanka—

Senator KIM CARR: Could we have a copy of that existing memorandum? Senator

Cash: under which the previous government offered to provide surveillance

equipment to Sri Lanka. Senator KIM CARR: Can we have a copy of that

memorandum? Senator Cash: We will take the question on notice. Thank you, Senator

Carr. Senator KIM CARR: What measures are in place to ensure the integrity of such

arrangements, if it is consistent with the current MOU? Senator Cash: We will take

that question on notice.

Answer:

Formal gifting arrangements for *Bay* class vessels to Sri Lanka will be finalised between the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Defence and Urban Development, under the Australian-Sri Lankan Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Other Transnational Crime arrangements.