

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0250) PROGRAMME – ACBPS**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What measures are in place to ensure the integrity of such arrangements (use of the gifted vessels), if it is consistent with the current MOU?

*Answer:*

Formal gifting arrangements 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.

These arrangements will be formalised in documentation under the Australian-Sri Lankan Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Other Transnational Crime.