

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0258) PROGRAMME – ACBPS**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Did Customs provide advice at any stage to the previous Labor Government regarding the publication of information relating to “operational matters”? • What was the content of this advice, if any? • Did the advice at any stage mention the “risks” as outlined by Lt. General Angus Campbell at the weekly briefing on Friday 15 November?

*Answer:*

The change of Government on 8 September 2013 precipitated the implementation of a different and broader suite of maritime security operations.

No advice was provided to the previous Government on the release of information in the context of the type of operations that are being implemented currently.