

WRITTEN QUESTION

Parliamentary Inquiry : 23 NOV 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(FOCS – Written question) – Parliamentary Inquiry – *Taskforce Blaze*

Senator Sterle Asked:

That the ABF provide the name of the fishing vessel involved in the Taskforce Blaze operation on 11 and 13 November 2016. The operation saw the seizure of 90 litres of methamphetamine and the interception of the fishing vessel in Hervey Bay by HMAS Newcastle, which was under the command of Maritime Border Command, ABF.

Answer:

The name of the vessel is Min Pu Yu Yun 8 (four Chinese mandarin characters reading from the right to the left) meaning: Fu Jian (province) Pu Tian (city) Fishing Transport 8

The vessel appeared to be a standard fishing trawler approximately 50 meters in length. The vessel had the numbers 80816 freshly painted on the port side under the bridge and 61808 freshly painted on the starboard side under the bridge.