

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/064) - Funding Anti-people Smuggling Strategic Communication - Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 107) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: So it is all spent externally?

Lt Gen. Campbell: I will have to clarify that. There is some onshore expenditure, but I will have to take on notice how it is broken down.

*Answer:*

A majority of the funding for anti-people smuggling strategic communication under Operation Sovereign Borders is spent offshore in source and transit countries for potential illegal immigrants. A proportion of the overall budget is allocated to an onshore campaign to inform diaspora communities in Australia.

Of the \$12 million allocated for anti-people smuggling strategic communication in the 2013-14 MYEFO, \$750,000 was spent on the onshore campaign.

In the 2014-15 MYEFO, additional funding of \$8.125 million was approved to continue anti-people smuggling strategic communication from January to June 2015. This includes \$750,000 for the onshore campaign.