

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/175) - Boats returned to Sri Lanka - Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 95) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: What was the exact number of boats returned to Sri Lanka?

Lt Gen. Campbell: Three have been returned to Sri Lanka.

Senator KIM CARR: Were the three vessels returned with the cooperation of the Sri Lankan authorities?

Lt Gen. Campbell: They were three take-backs.

Senator KIM CARR: Do we have the dates on which these events occurred?

Lt Gen. Campbell: They have all been advised via monthly updates; I do not have those dates with me.

Senator KIM CARR: Could I get you to take that on notice?

Lt Gen. Campbell: Yes.

*Answer:*

Three ventures were transferred at sea to the authority of the Sri Lankan government on 6 July 2014, 27 November 2014 and 17 February 2015.