

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/051) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Conroy (L&CA 118) asked:

Senator CONROY: [...] You gave your answer, and now I am asking another question: would the definition of a safe platform also extend to these orange lifeboats, even after much of their safety equipment is removed?

Senator Cash: You have had our answer, Senator Conroy.

Senator CONROY: No, I am just asking you. The minister has given—

Senator Cash: If you want to play this game for the rest of the evening, it will gladly take us through until 11 pm.

CHAIR: No it will not. Another senator has a go at 10.31 pm.

Senator CONROY: I am asking you about the definition of safe platform.

Senator Cash: And yet again, Senator Conroy, for your benefit, I have taken the question on notice. You

*Answer:*

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.