

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(BE14/052) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Conroy (L&CA 119) asked:

Senator CONROY: Is there any domestic or international underpinning for the use of the term or the concept ‘safe platform’?

Senator Cash: We will take the question on notice, Senator Conroy.

*Answer:*

Safe platform is an operational term.

The Australian Government is confident of the sound legal basis for operations. It is not appropriate for legal advice to be provided to the Committee.