

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/223) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Any additional boats purchased?

a. If so, by what Department?

*Answer:*

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) has a procurement program in place to ensure ongoing maritime capability.

ACBPS accepted Australian Customs and Border Protection Vessel (ACV) *Thaiyak* on 23 June 2014.

ACV *Cape St George* was delivered on 17 April 2013 and ACV *Cape Byron* was delivered on 19 May 2014; with the remaining six *Cape* Class vessels to be delivered by the end of 2015.

ACBPS has also purchased a number of lifeboats. As previously advised, the exact number of lifeboats acquired will not be specified.

ACBPS is unable to provide details of the activities of other departments.