

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/230) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What actions are taken by DIBP when a tow-back occurs?

What is the procedure within DIBP to ensure that these events are recorded?

What details of tow-backs are recorded by DIBP?

Are the identities of the persons on board known and recorded? Why/not?

What is DIBP's understanding of the legality of any directives from the Minister/Government relating to the recording of such information?

Answer:

The actions DIBP is required to perform and the nature of the way they are performed differs depending on the demands of a particular situation.