

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/242) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many boats have been turned around since OSB began?

Is the media-reported figure of 9 accurate?

How many turnarounds have been attempted?

Answer:

There have been a number of boats turned around since the inception of Operation Sovereign Borders.

Providing an exact and running total of turnbacks has the potential to advantage people smugglers and compromise on-water operations. For this reason this information is sensitive.