

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/248) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

When a boat arrives, how is that arrival recorded?

- a. Who records it?
- b. Is it electronic or hard copy?
- c. How are identities of those on board recorded and stored?
- d. How are boat arrivals recorded and stored?
- e. How are these boats identified?
- f. How are these records passed on to DIBP?
- g. How does DIBP store these records?
- h. How then are these records used in the application process?

Answer:

When a Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel (SIEV) arrives at Christmas Island, or another Australian seaport, the department obtains biographical data from each illegal maritime arrival (IMA) on board the vessel and creates a hand written nominal roll. The department assigns each SIEV a name and each IMA is given an individual boat identification (Boat ID). Departmental officers subsequently manually transfer the data on the details of the SIEV and the identities of all IMAs on board on two universal departmental systems – the Compliance, Case Management, Detention and Settlement portal and the Integrated Client Services Environment. These records are available during any subsequent application process.