

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/249) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are turn-backs recorded?

- a. If so, how?
- b. Are the identities of people on board recorded?
- c. If yes why?
- d. If no, why?
- e. If no, is this in line with international obligations?

Answer:

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.

Provision of this information has the potential to assist people smugglers and jeopardise the success of future on-water operations.