

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/250) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How are boats assessed as to whether they arrived on the Australian mainland or not?

a. Explain how this affects the processing of applications

Answer:

All Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) have the same legal status regardless of whether they arrived in Australia on the mainland or not.