

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/282) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Onshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the details of the MOU signed between the Government and the Northern Territory police force?

- a. When was this MOU signed?
- b. Can a copy of this MOU be provided?
- c. What does the Government commit to in this MOU? What does the Northern Territory police force commit to in this MOU?
- d. Will another MOU be signed after the current MOU expires on 1 July 2014?
- e. If so, what are the details of the new MOU?
- f. If not, why not?

Answer:

- a. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Northern Territory Police (NTP) was signed on 28 February 2014.
- b. Yes.
- c. The Government has committed to funding of \$48 million over a period of 24 months. Under the MOU, NTP have committed to respond to immigration detention facility incidents that require a police response, undertake investigation of offences and provide general community policing services as required.
- d. The MOU that was signed on 28 February 2014 will come into effect on 1 July 2014 and will be in force for a period of 2 years.
- e. Not applicable.
- f. The new MOU will be in effect for 2 years.