

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/373) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

In response to a question taken on notice during the inquiry into the incursions into Indonesian territorial waters by vessels operating as part of Operation Sovereign Borders, it was indicated that the ACV *Ocean Protector* and the ACV *Triton* both have access to digital charts.

- a. Are these digital charts capable of showing the location of Indonesia's maritime baseline, maritime border and exclusive economic zone?
- b. Were they capable of showing the location of Indonesia's maritime baseline, maritime border and exclusive economic zone when the incursions took place?

*Answer:*

During the period relevant to the inadvertent incursions, only the Australian maritime boundary layers were available in a format appropriate to the digital charts used on board Australian Customs and Border Protection Vessels (ACVs) *Ocean Protector* and *Triton*. Subsequent to the incident, appropriate Indonesian boundary data files have been procured and are now available on the vessels' digital chart systems.