

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/141) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What happens to the lifeboat after it is used to transport the crew and passengers back to Indonesia?

- a. Are they returned to Australia?
- b. If so, how are they returned to Australia?
- c. Who assists in this endeavour?
- d. How much does this cost?
- e. If not, who then 'owns' the lifeboats once they reach Indonesian shores?

*Answer:*

To date, the Government has not sought the return of any lifeboats.