

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE14/143) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the arrangements are in place for the ordering/purchasing of the orange capsuled lifeboats?

- a. How many lifeboats have been purchased?
- b. How much does each lifeboat cost?

*Answer:*

The number of lifeboats procured and their individual cost falls within the public interest immunity claimed by the Minister of Immigration and Border Protection on 18 November 2013.

A total of \$2.5 million has been spent on the acquisition of lifeboats including freight and other associated costs.