QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/160) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Are the identities of people on board recorded?a. If yes why?b. If no, why?c. If no, is this in line with international obligations?

Answer:

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operational activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.

The table outlining ventures removed from Australian waters, provided to the Committee during the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 20 October 2014, is the level of information available at this time that is no longer operationally sensitive.