

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 88**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question in writing:**

Which department was the lead agency in co-ordinating the response during the month long standoff with asylum seekers on *Oceanic Viking*?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, led by the National Security Advisor, coordinated a whole-of-government response while the rescued people were aboard ACV *Oceanic Viking*.