

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/050) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (L&CA 79) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. What is the amount that will be spent with Indonesia?

Mr Bowles: I think largely all of that was with Indonesia—but, again, I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the money spent on?

Mr Bowles: Again, that is sort of what I have taken notice. As I said, it is things like training with the Indonesian immigration officials, looking at some of the systems issues, some of the biometrics issues and basically helping to strengthen borders. It assists in the broader issues of transnational crime that happen between countries.

Senator KIM CARR: I have made the assumption that what you have said to me is that the bulk of that money goes to Indonesia?

Mr Bowles: That is my recollection but as I said I will confirm that on notice.

*Answer:*

The breakdown over the three years is as follows:

- 2013/14 - \$19.3 million
- 2014/15 - \$11.7 million
- 2015/16 - \$9.9 million

The overwhelming majority will be spent in Indonesia with smaller amounts spent in other regional countries

To enhance their border management arrangements, including:

- Interactive Advance Passenger Information Capability;
- enhanced passenger screening at major hub airports adjacent to source and transit countries;
- immigration intelligence, document examination, and facial comparison capacity building activities;
- the placement of Airline Liaison Officers (ALO) in the region;
- enhancing border programme management in source and transit countries;
- Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS); and
- biometric data exchange.