

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/144) PROGRAM – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Is the drop in boat arrivals, in terms of percentage, greater during the period of 19th July 2013 and 23rd September 2013 in comparison to the period between 23rd September and today?

Answer:

Based on 54 arrivals for the period 19 July to 22 September 2013, and 77 arrivals the previous year during 19 July to 22 September 2012, there was a 30 per cent decrease in arrivals over the comparable periods.

Based on 22 arrivals for the period 23 September 2013 to 21 February 2014, and 142 arrivals the previous year during 23 September 2012 to 21 February 2013, there was an 85 per cent decrease in arrivals over the comparable periods.

Therefore the drop in comparative boat arrivals as a percentage is greater over the period 23 September 2013 to 21 February 2014.