

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14-150)

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Question

What is the breakdown of the \$81.2 million to be spent over four years to increase the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's operations?

Specifically, what measures will be undertaken in 2014-15 that will amount to \$57.9 million, two-thirds of the entire allocation?

Answer:

The cost of extending the contract for the ACV *Triton* for 6 months is \$16.8m, including vessel lease, fuel, crew, enforcement officers and other vessel operating costs.

The cost of extending the contract for the ACV *Ocean Protector* for 6 months is \$25.0m, including vessel lease, fuel, crew, enforcement officers and other vessel operating costs.

The cost of increasing the number of surveillance hours on the Dash 8 aircraft is \$18.6m over four years. The cost of increasing the number of surveillance hours on the REIMS aircraft is \$7.6m over four years.

With respect to the Australian Maritime Identification System, the total cost will be \$5.7m over four years.

An allocation of \$7.5m has been made for the purchase of lifeboats to support Operation Sovereign Borders.

The \$57.9 million allocated within 2014-15 includes lease extensions for ACV *Triton*, ACV *Ocean Protector* and the Reims aircraft as well as portions of the increase to Dash 8 flight hours and the expansion of AMIS.