

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/249) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Senator Cash in Senate QT on Wednesday 11 December referred to a “standard post-incident operational assessment” that occur after an incident to ensure any future lessons learnt are incorporated into future practice.

What are the requirements for a “standard post-incident operational assessment”?

What is assessed?

Who conducts the assessment?

Is it internal or external (e.g. audit-like)?

What timeline is provided for reporting?

To who are they provided when complete? (e.g. Secretary, Minister, etc)

How many of these “post incident operational assessments” have been conducted since 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

It is more the case that it is standard for a post-incident operational assessment to be conducted than that there is a standard for such an assessment.

Reviews are conducted by Border Protection Command on a case-by-case basis. Such reviews are conducted to benefit future operations through the identification and capture of past lessons. The nature of any review is determined by the particulars of a specific incident. This may include localised processes, internal reviews, joint (or inter-agency) reviews or external reviews. The nature of these reviews also dictates the extent to which the reports are shared.

In addition to a Joint Review titled *Review of Operation Sovereign Border Vessel Positioning December 2013 – January 2014*, that has been publically announced, there have been a number of other minor reviews and assessments undertaken.