

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/295) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Has an agreement been established between Australia's regional partners to establish transit ports close to airports for the purpose of transferring asylum seekers to offshore processing facilities? If yes, what are the details of these agreements?

How much of the \$40.9 million is dedicated to this initiative?

How many transit ports are being established?

In which of Australia's regional partners are the transit ports being established?

If not, what is the progress of this agreement?

When will this agreement be finalised?

Answer:

No.