

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(AE14/339) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator CONROY (WRITTEN) asked:

What is the process for tow-backs generally and the timelines involved in these specific tow-back operations?

*Answer:*

The answer to this question contains information pertaining to on-water and other operation activities, similar in nature to material which was subject to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection's earlier claims of public interest immunity.