

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

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Senator Conroy (Written) asked:

How often was defensive equipment, pepper spray for example, used by personnel involved in asylum seeker operations in the 12 months prior to the commencement of Operation Sovereign Borders?

Answer:

Personal Defence Equipment is employed during the conduct of all boardings at sea. Personal Defence Equipment includes, but is not limited to, gloves, helmets and vests.