

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 25 February 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/514) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

What is the reason for the agencies/departments to inform OSB of FOI applications?

Answer:

It is the role of Operations Sovereign Borders (OSB) Joint Agency Taskforce (JATF) to coordinate the efforts of the JATF agencies, including maintaining an awareness of FOI requests received that are relevant to OSB operations.

This is consistent with standard practice to consult across agencies regarding FOI requests where information may originate from, or impact upon, other agencies functions or activities.