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VESSEL INTERCEPTED BY BORDER PROTECTION COMMAND

Australian Customs Vessel *Ashmore Guardian* operating under the control of Border Protection Command successfully intercepted a suspected irregular entry vessel at 2:19pm AEST on 16 May 2010, approximately four nautical miles north of Ashmore Islands.

Initial indications suggest 43 passengers and four crew are on board the vessel.

The group will be conveyed to Christmas Island for security, identity and health checks, and their reasons for travel will be established.

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