

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0317) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Budget Paper 2 at page 198 indicates an additional \$1.9 million will be provided in 2013-14 to 'moderate and reduce the inflow and movement to Australia of irregular maritime arrivals from source countries, predominately the Middle East....This funding will enhance passenger screening, engagement strategies, response capabilities, and capacity building throughout the Gulf and Middle East region.'

Why has this funding only been allocated in 2013-14- will these activities not be required post 2013-14?

*Answer:*

This is one of a range of Irregular Maritime Arrivals measures. The mix of Irregular Maritime Arrivals measures will be reviewed again in the context of the 2014-15 Budget.