

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0033) PROGRAM – Operation Sovereign Borders

Senator Carr (L&CA 76) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: There was a boat that tied up at the wharf last week, was there not? Mr Bowles: I cannot recall. I can take that on notice. There would be a small number that would have arrived directly through Darwin. There may be a small number who are receiving medical treatment, but everyone else is either on Manus Island, Nauru or Christmas Island.

Answer:

Illegal maritime arrivals from a suspected illegal entry vessel were transferred into the care of Australian Government agencies in Darwin on Monday 11 November 2013. Consistent with current policies, the people on this vessel were subject to transfer to Nauru or Papua New Guinea and will not be settled in Australia.