

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0050) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 92) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Bowles, this might be more appropriate for you, but I am conscious that it is in direct relation to the Lieutenant General. What was the process of appointing the Lieutenant General to the head of Operation Sovereign Borders? Mr Bowles: That would be a question best asked of Defence. The minister might be able to shed some light, but ultimately Lieutenant General Campbell was appointed by the CDF. If I recall the minister's comment at the time, he said he would take the advice of the CDF on the appointment of a person to run the joint agency task force. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Minister, do you have anything to add to that? Senator Cash: I do not. I would have to take it on notice to get any further answer for you.

*Answer:*

Lieutenant General Campbell was recommended to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection by the Chief of the Defence Force as the Commander of the Joint Agency Task Force responsible for implementing Operation Sovereign Borders.