

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0122) PROGRAMME – ACBPS**

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Does DIBP know who will be using the two patrol boats that Prime Minister Abbott has given to Sri Lanka?

*Answer:*

The Australian Government is gifting two *Bay* Class patrol vessels to Sri Lanka in support of border protection, maritime safety and counter people smuggling operations. These operations are conducted by the Sri Lankan Navy or the Sri Lankan Coast Guard.