

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0248) PROGRAMME – ACBPS

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

There has been an indication that the government intends to gift two vessels to Sri Lanka. Is there a formal document detailing the gift?

Answer:

Formal gifting arrangements will be finalised between the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Defence and Urban Development.

These arrangements will be formalised in documentation under the Australian-Sri Lankan Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Other Transnational Crime.