

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0256) PROGRAM – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What is the precise definition used by Customs of an “on-water” matter?

*Answer:*

An “on-water” matter is defined as:

- any operational activity relating to the Maritime domain.
- This relates to air and water activities concerning the attempt, transit and operational outcome of those attempting to reach Australia, which may include; but is not limited to: :
  - on-water response;
  - detection;
  - interception;
  - boarding;
  - transfer of vessel and/or people;
  - search and rescue activities;
  - surveillance;
  - intelligence; and
  - surface and aerial asset disposition, procedures, activities and the decision making in relation to any of the above.