

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0354) PROGRAMME – Operation Sovereign Borders**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How many boats have arrived in Australia from Sri Lanka since 19 July 2013?

*Answer:*

Operational matters will not be discussed for the following reasons:

- they would or could reasonably be expected to cause damage to national security, defence, or international relations, including disclosure of documents or information obtained in confidence from other governments; and
- they contain material relating to law enforcement or the protection of public safety which would, or could reasonably be expected to:
  - prejudice the investigation of a possible breach of the law or the enforcement of the law in a particular instance;
  - endanger the life or physical safety of any person;
  - disclose lawful methods or procedures for preventing, detecting, investigating, or dealing with matters arising out of breaches or evasions of the law the disclosure of which would, or would be reasonably likely to, prejudice the effectiveness of those methods or procedures; or
  - prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of lawful methods for the protection of public safety.