

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0403) PROGRAMME – ACBPS**

Senator Whish-Wilson (Written) asked:

When does the ADV Ocean Shield become available for Southern Ocean surveillance efforts?

*Answer:*

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) and the Department of Defence have agreed in principle to shared use of ADV *Ocean Shield* in 2014-15 and 2015-16. This arrangement would facilitate use of ADV Ocean Shield for Southern Ocean Patrols commencing in the course of the 2014-15 financial year, subject to operational priorities.