

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0405) PROGRAMME – ACBPS

Senator Whish-Wilson (Written) asked:

When will the Ocean Protector begin its surveillance activities in the Southern Ocean over the coming Summer?

Answer:

To preserve operational security, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service does not comment on the specific on-water activities or location of Border Protection Command (BPC) assets.

BPC will continue to monitor activities in the Southern Ocean throughout the coming summer period utilising a broad range of capabilities including aerial surveillance.