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Christmas Island JIG Information Report SIEV 656 EALING ARRIVAL

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	Incident / Information Details	
Reporting Party	CI JIG	[I & T CI JIG INTREP]
Reported Date / Time	15APR2013	
Information Source	ACBPS, AFP & DIAC	

Background

At approximately 02:05 AEST Sunday 14APR2013, HMAS PARRAMATTA operating under the control of Border Protection Command, detected a Contact of Interest (COI) approximately 14 nautical north of Christmas Island heading in a southerly direction.

Initial estimate of people on board was 40 to 50. The nationality was not yet reported.

HMAS PARRAMATTA intends to board the vessel shortly.

At approximately 02:57 AEST Sunday 14APR2013, HMAS PARRAMATTA operating under the control of Border Protection Command, boarded the previously reported contact on interest 12 nm north of Christmas Island.

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Initial estimate was 25 people on board. The nationality of the people was believed to be Vietnamese.

The people would be transferred to Australian Government agencies on Christmas Island.

HMAS PARRAMATTA boarded the COI at 02:57 Sunday 14APR2013. This COI is now designated SIEV 656.

At approximately 15:00 AEST Sunday 14APR2013, HMAS PARRAMATTA, operating under the control of Border Protection Command, transferred all 25 persons from SIEV 656 to Australian Government agencies on Christmas Island.

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