

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE15/036) - Asbestos at Manus Island Detention Centre - Programme 3.1
Compliance, Detention and Status Resolution (Administered)**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA 68) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So, there has been no discovery in recent months or in the last year or so of asbestos at the detention centre on Manus Island that is currently in use?

Mr Pezzullo: It is preferable that we take the detail on notice. The officer clearly has a recollection going back, I think he said, to the early days of the Pacific solution. I think you mean by that, Mr Douglas, not after 2013.

Answer:

The portfolio is not aware of any asbestos being discovered within the Regional Processing Centre (RPC), currently in use on Manus.

On the Lombrum expansion site, adjacent the Manus RPC, a localised amount of bonded asbestos was identified on 5 October 2014.

An appropriately trained team removed the asbestos in line with the Code of Practice: How to Control and Manage Asbestos in the Workplace (Safe Work Australia 2011).

A clearance certificate was provided to the Contractor on 7 October 2014.