QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 26 - 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/012) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 69) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Are there time frames that you want these new contracts renegotiated by, and could we have a bit of a summary of that? Mr Bowles: Yes, there are. If we can come back to that, I can have the right people here tomorrow morning. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Sure. Mr Bowles: I will not even guess now. Senator HANSON-YOUNG: That is okay. Can you take that on notice, because I will ask for a time frame tomorrow?

Answer:

The Request for Tender for the Provision of Onshore Immigration Detention Services (RFT 04/14) was released on 3 April 2014.

The department is in the process of undertaking an evaluation of Tender submissions for the provision of Detention Health Services and Facilities and Detainee Services. In accordance with the indicative timeframes set out in the RFT 04/14, the department expects to complete negotiations by September 2014 and execute new contract(s) in late 2014.