

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/072) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Singh (L&CA 32) asked:

Senator SINGH: so why would they be asked to tender for the running of centres that were earmarked to close, knowing the work that they go into in putting forward their tender documents in relation to that?

Why would the department ask contractors to tender for detention centres onshore that were then earmarked to close.

Mr Bowles: Again, our contracts are activity based. Mr Cahill can run through the process.

Mr Cahill: I personally attended the industry briefings that we provided.

Senator SINGH: Are you able to provide a date for that?

Mr Cahill: I can take that on notice and come back to you shortly.

Answer:

Industry briefings for the Onshore Immigration Detention Services Request for Tender occurred in Sydney on Tuesday 15 April 2014 and Melbourne on Wednesday 16 April 2014.

Additionally, site visits occurred between Tuesday 29 April 2014 and Thursday 1 May 2014.