

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(BE14/262) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA)  
Onshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Will there be further consolidation of the onshore detention centre networks in addition to the nine already announced?

- a. How will the closures be managed?
- b. What will become of the transferees in these facilities?
- c. Is it anticipated that people from onshore detention will be moved to offshore detention?
- d. If so, why?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection regularly reviews the immigration detention network to ensure its size and profile continues to meet Australian Government requirements for the management for the immigration detention population. Adjustments to the network are made as required.

Should the government announce further closures of facilities within the immigration detention network, the department will work with key stakeholders to ensure that this process is managed in an orderly and timely manner, ensuring that any planning and closure activities have minimal impact on detainees at those facilities. This may include transferring detainees to other appropriate locations in the immigration detention network or to offshore processing centres, depending on the individual circumstances of each detainee.