

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/317) PROGRAMME – 1.2: Visa and Citizenship

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Can you please explain the measure outlined in Budget Paper 2 on page 152 relating to education services for IMAs on Christmas Island?

- a. Please explain how this funding will be spent.
- b. Why is there only funding for 2014-15?
- c. Will it be discontinued in 2015-16?

Answer:

- a. The Catholic Education Office of Western Australia has been contracted to provide education in 2014-15 to all kindergarten, primary and secondary school aged children in immigration detention on Christmas Island. The education will be delivered in a learning centre within the Phosphate Hill Alternative Place of Detention and will be based on the Western Australian curriculum, adapted to meet the needs of the children enrolled.
- b. Timing of the funding is in anticipation of detainees on Christmas Island being transferred to an offshore processing centre during 2014-15.
- c. Yes.