

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Agency - Comcare

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Senator Abetz asked on 28 May 2012, Hansard page 89

Question

Comcare - Cessation of Immigration Detention Centre

Senator ABETZ: You kindly provided me with some information, 115_12, from last estimates—that is, location of an improvement notice in relation to the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre, and two relating to Christmas Island's Phosphate Hill immigration centre. The answer before that, 114_12, is the one I would draw your attention to as it deals with the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre. In the third dot-point we were told: The Notice expiry date was extended, at the request of DIAC, to 12 March 2012 to allow additional time to confirm whether or not the centre was to cease operation. Are you able to tell us whether you got verification that the centre was to cease operation? Mr O'Connor: We are advised that that is the case, because that compliance notice was complied with and has been finalised. Senator ABETZ: It has been finalised, but you have been told that the centre is to cease operation? Mr O'Connor: I am told that the notice has been complied with and finalised. We can take on notice the third point.

Answer

Comcare has provided the following response.

We are advised by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship that Pontville Immigration Detention centre ceased operations on 12 March 2012.