

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0327) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz (L&CA 112) asked:

Were assurances given at the public meeting in April about the removal of the Pontville IDC fence? Has that position changed?

Answer:

At the public meeting held in April 2011 the Department stated that the fence would be removed when the Pontville IDC was closed.

Since that time, and given the fence is located on Department of Defence land, the Department has discussed the possible removal of the fence with the Department of Defence. Department of Defence have confirmed that they would like to retain the fence.