

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(AE12/0375) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Leonora: What proportion of these asylum seekers are at school in Leonora? How many are attending classes at the centre? What classes are being provided at the centre? What is the cost of these classes and who is providing them?

*Answer:*

In late 2011, the Western Australian Government advised that it was unable to provide asylum seekers accommodated at the Leonora Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) with access to education at Leonora District High School in 2012. Therefore, none of the unaccompanied minors currently accommodated at the APOD have access to education services at the local public school.

However, all clients are attending classes at the APOD. As at 6 March 2012, 117 unaccompanied minors were attending classes at the facility, including:

- English;
- Physical Education;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Art and Craft;
- About Australia;
- Youth Forum Lessons; and
- A four-week Local History Program:
  - Students have history lessons at the nearby Gwalia Historical Museum which includes mining equipment and practices from the 1900s and the historic Hoover House.

Other activities offered for the unaccompanied minors at the Leonora APOD include:

- Board Games;
- Gym and onsite sporting activities (including soccer, volleyball and tennis);
- Access to computers with internet;
- Off-site swimming, indoor basketball and indoor soccer at the Leonora Recreation Centre;
- Off-site cricket, Aussie Rules and soccer at the Leonora Oval

- Bingo;
- Youth Club; and
- Movie Night.

Classes are currently being provided by the department's detention services providers, and costs are included as part of the broader contracts for provision of detention services.