

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0076) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 82-83) asked:

The Department will take on notice whether the department has had any interaction with PNG around access to the detention centre by media and to find out to what level any interaction might have been had with both governments.

Answer:

As a sovereign nation, the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is responsible for decisions on access to PNG and to the regional processing centre. However, the Department is assisting the Government of PNG in formulating a media and visitor access protocol for the regional processing centre on PNG.