

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0399) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

When was the Department first approached by the government regarding reopening Pontville Detention Centre?

*Answer:*

As part of ongoing and routine contingency planning the Department proposed the re-opening of the immigration detention facility located in Pontville, Tasmania to the Minister. This took place in late 2012.