

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0400) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Why was the decision made to reopen Pontville? Was the formal immigration detention network operating over capacity?

Answer:

The Pontville site was reactivated from contingency mode as part of ongoing and routine contingency planning.