

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0418) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

The Hawke Williams report notes that “the department is actively progressing work to finalise the three core incident management documents” (pg. 6) for Christmas Island. When will these documents expected to be completed and put in practise?

Answer:

The finalisation of the core incident management documents is subject to multiple dependencies including the agreement of MOU arrangements between DIAC, the AFP, and state and territory police. The department is working closely with police to finalise these MOUs as soon as possible. For details of the current status of each MOU, please refer to AE13/0405.