

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/195) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Will there be a handover period between Transfield and G4s? If so, how long will the handover period be?

If not, how does the Government see a primarily construction company appropriately run welfare and management services for vulnerable asylum seekers?

Answer:

Transfield Services commenced the transition of services from G4S on Manus on 1 March 2014. The handover was completed on 28 March 2014.

Welfare services at offshore processing centres were handed over to Transfield Services on 22 February 2014, following a transition period from 29 January 2014. Save the Children Australia's role in the provision of welfare services to children at Nauru OPC was expanded from 22 February 2014 to also include family cohorts and single adult females.