

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/040) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (L&CA 55) asked:

The decision, which was ultimately made by me, was that we would transition out of G4S on Manus to Transfield.

Senator KIM CARR: Was it the case that G4S reduced their staffing establishment after they were so advised?

Mr Bowles: Not to my knowledge, but I am happy to take that on notice. Generally speaking, they deliver to the number of people who are on the island.

Answer:

G4S maintained staffing levels in line with the contract until the transition to Transfield Services commenced in March 2014. G4S then reduced staffing numbers as part of the coordinated transition plan with Transfield.