

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/067) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 91) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is it currently restricted?

Mr Bowles: I would imagine it probably still is a little bit restricted, until we actually get the systems back up—

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: So it was restricted?

Mr Bowles: I understand it was. I do not know the extent. As I said, we will take it on notice and try and understand all of those issues. But in any incident like this that causes damage to our infrastructure there will inevitably be a problem with it in a business-as-usual sense.

Answer:

Mobile phones were taken into the compounds in the first instance so all transferees could make contact with their family members.

The equipment was reinstalled progressively from 26 February 2014 and completed on 7 March 2014.