

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

**(253) Output 1.5: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Nettle asked:

1. Will there be a residential housing project or some form of residence determination?
2. Where will this be located on Nauru?
3. Will we see children born into detention once again?

*Answer:*

1 & 2. Suitable accommodation has been identified in Nauru and discussed with the Nauru government. The site will provide for residential-style accommodation for women, children and families who will enjoy free movement within the community. The concept of “residence determination” is not relevant as Australian migration law does not apply in Nauru.

3. Asylum seekers will be accommodated in the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre, which is not a detention centre.