

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0437) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to an article in the West Australian Newspaper on 13 May 2011 entitled "Asylum Seekers held at Jandakot Airport": Is the Banksia Holiday Park in Hazelmere still being used to house asylum seekers? If not, why not?

Answer:

No. Banksia Tourist Park is no longer being used as an Alternative Place of Detention. When the lease agreement for Banksia Tourist Park ceased at the end of April 2011, suitable tenancy arrangements could not be met and the lease was not renewed.