

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0021) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Which detention centres are more expensive to hold people in?

Answer:

It is difficult to provide information on which detention facility is the most expensive to hold people as the costs are dynamic and influenced by a range of factors including, for example, the cohort, location, occupancy rates, the processing rate (approvals/rejections), the number of families, unaccompanied minors and the detention footprint.