

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0158) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 94) asked:

Senator ABETZ: The article also informs me that the DIAC spokeswoman said the department was working with the polytechnic 'to incorporate volunteers into the education programs'. So is that happening? Or has it happened?

Mr Douglas: I would need to take that on notice, but it would only be in the context of support workers and not the providers of education.

Answer:

No volunteers have been included in the education program to date. However, the Tasmanian Polytechnic is currently making arrangements to include volunteers in the education program.