

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0166) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 97) asked:

Senator ABETZ: I think it is agreed that we have a highly competitive rental market in Tasmania and therefore, if new players come into the market, one assumes that prices get driven up. I was just wondering how many rental houses the department was involved in.

Ms Pope: Sorry, I cannot tell you the figure for Tasmania. It is not a very large number but I would have to take it on notice.

Answer:

In Tasmania, contracted service providers have 23 rental houses which are used in the Community Detention Program.