

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0403) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Have the 700 additional beds announced by the Minister in November now come online?

*Answer:*

Yes, 400 beds were added from 14 December 2012 with the re-commissioning of Pontville Immigration Detention Facility in Tasmania, and a further 300 beds following completion of the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation, stage 3, commissioned on 14 March 2013.