

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0631) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Has the department prepared plans for the closure of detention centres? If so, which ones will be closed and when? How many detention places will the department keep open for new arrivals? At what projected cost? Isn't this an admission that the government's policy is now to accept unlawful arrivals as a permanent part of the migration program?

Answer:

Please see the Department's response to BE12/0455.