

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0659) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (written) asked:

Last time there was offshore processing on Nauru there were significant problems with disposal of sewerage. Is DIAC expecting those problems to reoccur given the high numbers of people who will be there for long periods of time?

Answer:

No. The Department has installed a new Waste Water Treatment Plant that is servicing the temporary facility and is designed to cater for the permanent Topside facility when constructed.