

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0340) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What messages are Departmental officials being asked to convey to detainees?

Answer:

The Department determines messages in line with government policy. A range of messages are conveyed to detainees at different points in their immigration pathway. The messages provided to detainees also vary depending on the circumstances of their detention. For example, the messages will differ depending upon whether they are being detained because they have overstayed their visa, are in breach of their visa conditions, have been refused entry at an international airport or seaport, or have arrived as an illegal maritime arrival (IMA).