

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0347) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What facilities are available to families on Nauru that make it more suitable than Manus Island?

Answer:

The Nauru Offshore Processing Centre (OPC) has facilities to cater for the needs of families and children. The facilities allow for recreation and education activities and medical services. Playgrounds and accommodation for women with infants are under construction. Family accommodation includes individual sleeping areas which are partitioned to allow privacy and space for families to congregate.