

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013**

**IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

**(SE13/0419) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (L&CA 83) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: This is not the only case of separating a child from their parents, is it?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take any other specifics on notice, but it is not our practice to separate people like that.

[...]

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Are there any families on Christmas Island who are currently separated?

Mr Bowles: We would have to take that on notice. I could not be definitive.

*Answer:*

Yes, on 19 November 2013 some families in detention on Christmas Island had been separated.