

Senate Inquiry – Incidents at Manus OPC on 16-18 February 2014

Request 2 (b)

The accommodation capacity at the Manus Island Detention Centre and any subsequent changes to that capacity since 1 January 2014, including accommodation type and average square metre allocation for each asylum seeker.

Response 2 (b)

As at 1 January 2014, there were 1 229 single adult male transferees at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre (OPC).

There is sufficient capacity at the Manus OPC to appropriately accommodate all transferees. Since the commencement of the OPC, there have been a range of changes to accommodation in response to increased numbers of transferees.

Transferees are accommodated in existing and refurbished hard walled accommodation, new temporary dormitory style marquees and some newly constructed buildings. The Manus OPC is equipped with ablutions, laundry facilities, education, recreation and religious observation facilities as well as dedicated medical facilities.