

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/168) - Transfer from Yongah Hill to Casuarina - Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah (L&CA) written:

- What is the current status of 7 asylum seekers transferred from Yongah Hill to the maximum security prison at Casuarina this year? Do they remain in Casuarina? Have they been charged with any crime?

Answer:

Following their involvement in significant unrest, five asylum seekers were transferred under s189 of the *Migration Act 1958* from the Yongah Hill IDC to an alternative place of detention, Casuarina Prison in Western Australia. At all times during their placement in this alternative place of detention they have remained under the detention provisions under s198 of the *Migration Act 1958*. Subsequently, all have been transferred from that alternative place of detention to other immigration detention facilities within the detention network. None have been formally charged with any crimes.