

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0365) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

On what date will the first detainees be transferred to the Yongah Hill site and where will these detainees be transferred from.

Answer:

The timing of the first movement of clients to Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) is subject to the centre becoming operational. After construction is completed, the facility must then undergo a series of due diligence checks prior to commissioning and handover to the Detention Service Provider, Serco. A precise handover date has not been confirmed at this point.

When complete, Yongah Hill IDC will accommodate up to 600 single adult males. Client placement decisions are made based on the individual circumstances of clients and operational considerations.

The Department is unable to advise at this point when the first group of clients will be transferred to Yongah Hill IDC or where the clients will be transferred from.