

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0074) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 82) asked:

Has Australia put any proposal to Papua New Guinea about media access to the detention centre on Manus Island?

Answer:

As a sovereign nation, the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is responsible for decisions on access to PNG and to the regional processing centre. However, the Department is assisting the Government of PNG in formulating a media and visitor access protocol for the regional processing centre on PNG.