

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0089) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 95) asked:

How long did it take to get the temporary facilities on Nauru up and running?

*Answer:*

From the date the MOU was signed, being 29 August 2012, to the first transfer on 14 September 2012, it took 16 days to get the temporary facilities on Nauru running, noting that Defence personnel deployed and commenced some work five days prior to the MOU signing.