

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0101) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 101) asked:

What is the status of Manus Island at the moment? There are 274 plus one asylum seekers who have been sent there. What is their status on Manus Island? Do they have visas?

Answer:

The temporary Regional Processing Centre on Manus Island, Papua New Guinea is fully operational under the direction of the Government of Papua New Guinea.

All transferees at the Regional Processing Centre reside there under the provisions of *Section 15(C)* of the Papua New Guinean *Migration Act 1978*.

The transferees on Manus Island do not have visas.