

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(AE14/032) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 44) asked:

Mr Bowles: It is not normal or usual that a minister's office will be involved in a series of operational briefings. The briefings between my department and service providers happened all night, as I have said before.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I am talking about on Tuesday.

Mr Bowles: On Tuesday we briefed the minister, not service providers and others.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: When was the first meeting of all heads of service providers and yourself, or your delegates in the department, on Tuesday?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take on notice the specific time when we met. But, as I said, the first one was the teleconference at one o'clock or thereabouts. That would probably be the answer.

*Answer:*

The first teleconference between the heads of service providers and senior departmental officers commenced at approximately 11:30pm on 17 February 2014 and continued into the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>.