

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/034) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (L&CA 47) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: If you would. I am having a little bit of trouble following why if on Tuesday the department advised the minister that the statement was incorrect, and there are a number of qualifying remarks, it took until 8.44 on Saturday night—an unusual time to put out a press release in this country—to issue a statement.

CHAIR: That is not a question for Mr Bowles. Perhaps it is for Minister Cash.

Senator Cash: Again, I will take that question on notice to the minister.

Answer:

The Minister addressed this in his statement to the house on Monday, 24 February 2014.