

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/178) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Provide a breakdown of the following:

Capacity and surge capacity of each of the offshore detention centres (including ones earmarked for proposed closure)

Current capacity

Confirmed closures

Any future proposed closures

Reasons for detention (e.g. for what reasons are people in offshore detention, breaches of which visa subclasses, etc)

Answer:

Offshore

The capacity of the Nauru and Manus Offshore Processing Centres (OPCs) fluctuate to meet whatever demand for accommodation is required. There is sufficient capacity for all transferees at the OPCs.

As at 25 February 2014, there have been no closures of OPCs in Nauru or Manus and no proposed closures.

People in OPCs in Nauru and Manus are Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) who have transferred to these facilities for processing and resolution of their status.