

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/186) PROGRAMME – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Will the Scherger and Pontville immigration detention centre buildings be repurposed?

If so, what are the plans for these sites?

What will they be used for?

How much of the \$88.8 million will be used to re-purpose these two sites?

Can the department provide a breakdown of these costs?

Will they require any construction or deconstruction work?

If so, how much does the Department believe this work will cost?

If not, why not?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) leases the Scherger and Pontville sites from the Department of Defence (Defence).

Both sites are closed and consultations are underway with Defence regarding the return of the sites to Defence. Savings identified from closing facilities will not be used for this purpose.