

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/021) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Macdonald (L&CA 27) asked:

CHAIR: You are interfering with my questioning time now, but I will continue that. Can you indicate to me, on notice, when these cars got there? When did this detention centre open?

Mr Bowles: I think it was late 2012 initially.

CHAIR: Well before the last federal election.

Mr Bowles: Yes, it was. September 2012.

CHAIR: Okay, that is fine. Could you indicate on notice when these cars—that seem to be causing some problem—actually arrived on Nauru? I assume some of them were there with the locals. If you could add that to the questions you were taking on notice.

Mr Bowles: Will do.

Answer:

The Nauru Offshore Processing Centre was first established in September 2012.

All vehicles used by service providers in Nauru were initially rented from local business owners. The first vehicle was flown to Nauru by the ADF in August 2012. Further vehicles were delivered over the course of 2013, with bulk deliveries of vehicles to Nauru arriving on 1 July 2013 and 1 December 2013.