

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/039) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Carr (L&CA 54-55) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: At that time, was G4S advised that they would be required to extend their service provision through until, I think, March?

Mr Bowles: Yes, 28 March. Through that process—and I can take on notice the specific date—I think we had the conversation in December that we were not going to go forward with an extension of the contract, other than to 28 March, to allow for the transition to Transfield.

Answer:

The department wrote to G4S on 12 December 2013 advising that its contract would be extended from 31 January 2014 until 28 March 2014 to allow for transition to the new service provider.