

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/065) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 91) asked:

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Mr Bowles, were staff at the centre asked to turn off their mobile phones on Monday night?

Mr Bowles: I do not have that level of detail.

Mr Douglas: Not that I am aware of, Senator. I am happy to take that on notice and confirm.

Answer:

The department is unaware of any instruction to this effect with respect to service providers or PNG Immigration Citizenship and Service Authority staff. Departmental staff were not asked to turn off mobile phones.