

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/082) PROGRAMME – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Macdonald (L&CA 109-110) asked:

CHAIR: Before I pass back to Senator Singh—Senator Hanson-Young has had a fair go, and we really do need to move on to program 1.1, but I did tell Senator Singh we would come back to here—just in relation to the questions I asked previously, are contraceptive aids available to illegal maritime arrivals when they first reach Australia, should they seek them? Are they available?

Mr Bowles: Yes.

CHAIR: They are?

Mr Bowles: Yes.

Senator SINGH: But not on Manus Island?

Mr Bowles: I will take that on notice specifically, but generally our policy is yes. But, again, I will take it on notice specifically for Manus.

Answer:

Yes. Contraceptive aids are available at the Manus Offshore Processing Centre.