

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0433) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to an article in the West Australian Newspaper on 13 May 2011 entitled "Asylum Seekers held at Jandakot Airport": During what dates have asylum seekers been housed at the Jandakot Airport Chalets?

Answer:

The Department has been using Jandakot Chalet as an alternative place of detention to accommodate irregular maritime arrivals continuously since 2 May 2011.