

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0062) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 103) asked:

Senator CASH: Mr Bowles, were any commitments given to the Inverbrackie community, when it was set up, about the level of risk of the people who were being put in Inverbrackie?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice. I was not here at that time.

Answer:

On 18 December 2010, the then Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Chris Bowen issued a press release that stated “eventually up to 400 asylum seekers in family groups would be housed in Inverbrackie. All the asylum seekers have been assessed as low risk.”