

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0181) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 107) asked:

Mr Cahill: It was a spare room that was used for storage, but if we had wanted to we could have used it for a classroom. But we have very good facilities at the detention centre at North West Point.

Senator CASH: Are any of the activity rooms currently being used for contingency?

Mr Cahill: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Activity rooms are used to accommodate clients when the facility is operating at surge capacity. From 8 May 2013, at North West Point, the activity rooms in Education 3 and the small activity rooms in the compounds were being used as accommodation. Activity rooms in Education 1 and 2 remained available for client use at that time.