

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0063) PROGRAMME – 4.1 Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Rhiannon (L&CA 119) asked:

Senator RHIANNON: Have any of the detainees been screened out but moved to a mainland facility and then deported at a later date as a result of their screening outcome?

Mr Bowles: We would take that on notice, Senator. There are too many variables there to come up with an answer now, so we will take it on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, and as part of taking that on notice, could you also take on notice whether any detainees have been screened out, moved to a community centre and then deported as a result of their screening outcome? It is pretty similar, but I want to cover all bases.

Mr Bowles: We will take it on notice. I do not understand that question, but we will analyse that.

Answer:

Since the introduction of Enhanced Screening in October 2012, 12 Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) who were found not to engage Australia's international obligations were removed from Australia from mainland immigration detention facilities. No IMAs who were found not to engage Australia's international obligations were removed from community detention.