

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0138) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Rhiannon (Written) asked:

Are the children in detained in Nauru currently receiving education? a. How frequently and for what period of time do children go to school? b. In what facilities does schooling take place? c. Are these facilities air conditioned?

Answer:

Save the Children Australia (SCA) provides education specifically for children in family groups and unaccompanied minors at the Nauru Offshore Processing Centre, including an on-site facility for all children and through individually assessed learning plans for each child. Programmes are delivered by Australian registered and trained teachers. The educational programme is delivered in line with Australian educational standards with a minimum of a six-hour programme Monday to Friday.

The facility used for education is not air-conditioned.