Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 176

Topic: Incarcerated Disability

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Senator Boyce asked:

[Refer to background in QoN EA13-000172] Is the working group aware of the allegation that somewhere between 100-150 people are currently held in our prison systems under mental impairment legislation and that a significant proportion of them are indigenous and it's estimated by the Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign (ADJC) that at least a third of them are being held indefinitely?

Answer:

The Formal Network on Mental Illness and Cognitive Disability in the Criminal Justice System is aware of the report prepared by the Aboriginal Justice Disability Campaign and will consider the recommendations..