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Senator: Cormann

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Question:

Senator CORMANN: Yes. You said that Serco has their own insurance so if there is property damage due to the events that we have experienced in recent times, is there a negotiation, discussion or a settlement conference where you identify who is to blame for what and a sharing of responsibility and costs? How does that work?

Mr Edge: That would be the process. There would be a discussion and negotiation between the parties around liability and coverage for the event.

Senator CORMANN: Over the last 12 months how often has that had to happen?

Mr Edge: I would have to take that detail on notice if you are asking how often the parties have met and discussed liability for damage to detention centres. I would definitely have to take that on notice.

Answer:

One meeting has been held between Comcover Member Services and representatives of Serco's insurers. That meeting was directed towards the insurance arrangements in place for detention centres rather than liability for the recent property damage.