

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells (L&CA 62) asked:

How are those cases going where people in detention brought actions for alleged personal injuries involving contractors that are looking after your detention centres?

Answer:

As at 10 March 2009 there are 12 matters where claims have been made against both the Commonwealth and the detention services providers involving claims of alleged personal injury. Of these matters, nine are currently the subject of court action. The remaining three are foreshadowed claims where the conduct of the detention services provider is also at issue. As these cases are either still in active litigation, or the subject of ongoing investigation, it would be inappropriate to comment on specific cases.