

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(181) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

Are you able to provide to the committee the complete list of things that can be taken from and given to a detainee?

*Answer:*

People in immigration detention can possess personal items. There are, however, some items that are prohibited in immigration detention facilities. Serco, the Detention Services Provider, screens all people, their possessions and visitors prior to their admission to a facility for these items.

See Attachment A

## **ATTACHMENT A – EXCLUDED, CONTROLLED AND ILLEGAL ITEMS**

The following items are not permitted within Immigration Detention Facilities:

- Weapons
- Drugs
- Chemicals
- Tools and equipment\*
- Sharps, including syringes, razor blades, knives, nail clippers and scissors\*
- Alcohol
- Aerosols
- Flammable sprays, liquids and solids\*
- Glass items including mirrors and glass picture frames\*
- Untagged Electrical Equipment (current electrical certificate required)\*
- photographs, including photographic identification documents\*
- travel documents including passports
- Money, banking cards, cheques
- Sporting Equipment\*
- Mobile phones with cameras, recording devices or internet access
- Modems and other IT communication devices with Internet capability\*
- Cameras and audiovisual recording devices
- Pornographic books, magazine or materials
- Offensive material that incites violence, racism or hatred
- Non-prescribed medication, vitamins or supplements
- Uncooked animal products (including eggs, raw meat/fish etc)\*

**Any illegal items detected will be retained and reported to the Police.**

\* These items are classified as Controlled items and may be permitted entry into the facility under strict conditions and with the approval of the Centre Manager.