

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(198) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

How many deaths have there been in onshore detention facilities in the past 18 months? What was the cause of them? How many have been referred to the Coroner? How many reports completed?

*Answer:*

There have been six deaths in immigration detention in the past 18 months.

One resident of an on-shore detention facility died in hospital of natural causes. Five other clients who died during this period are currently being investigated by the Coroner. No cause of death has officially been released.

No reports have been completed.