

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

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

Senator Cash asked:

In an answer to question 312, the department claimed that SERCO adopted a risk management approach in assessing whether a client went on an excursion. The department was asked whether clients awaiting removal are taken on excursions. Please advise if clients awaiting removal are taken on excursions? If so please provide a list of those clients awaiting removal who have been taken on an excursion and to where?

*Answer:*

All clients in immigration detention including those clients awaiting removal, are able to apply for, or be offered the opportunity to participate in an excursion outside of their normal immigration detention arrangement. However, whether an individual actually participates in an excursion is based on a number of factors including the risk assessment on escape risk. For privacy reasons the Department is unable to provide a list of clients who are awaiting removal and who have been on an excursion.