

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(232) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network & 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

Have there been any allegations of any kind of abuse – sexual or physical – against any detainee in any of the detention facilities on the mainland or on Christmas Island by another detainee, employee of the Government or employee of the contractor? What has been the outcome of those allegations?

*Answer:*

Yes, the Department has received allegations of inappropriate behaviour (sexual and physical). Subject to the alleged victim's wishes, allegations are reported to the local State or Territory Police for further investigation. Several clients have been summoned to appear in court in relation to those investigations. Currently, there are two clients waiting for court hearings in relation to allegations of assault.