

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(262) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network & 4.3 Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Are children allowed to keep their own toys when they are donated to children by people outside the centre?

Answer:

Generally, yes. However, parcels and gifts that are received for clients at a detention facility are either x-rayed before being given to a client or where there is no x-ray machine, for the clients own safety the parcels are opened in front of the client. The contents are manually and visually screened for security purposes and then logged against the client's property. Items which pass x-ray examination and are suitable can be taken by the client and some may be stored on the client's behalf with their other property.