

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(325) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Are reports that as at February 2010, activities designed to maintain morale and stave off depression among asylum seekers were ceased, correct? Please detail what these activities were and why they were ceased?

Answer:

These reports are not correct. Since February 2010, Serco has employed a national programs and activities coordinator to ensure that additional programs and activities are provided to clients in immigration detention facilities across the network, as specified in the detention services contract.