

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0367) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Yongah Hill's Detention facility: What strategies are in place to ensure local police resources aren't impacted upon?

Answer:

Under the Detention Services Contract, the Services Provider (Serco) must use its reasonable endeavours to prevent incidents from occurring. Should incidents occur, Serco must actively seek to minimise the extent and duration of incidents and implement the provisions of Incident Management Protocols. Serco's role will assist in the reduction on the impact to local police resources.

Additionally, negotiations continue between the Department, Western Australia Police and the Australian Federal Police toward the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the provision of policing services in response to incidents that require a police response at immigration detention facilities in Western Australia.