

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0381) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

MARIBYRNONG I refer to the article in the online Herald Sun of 18 January 2012 entitled "Detention Staff detail Drug Use and Assaults" - what is the nature of the allegations? When were the allegations first brought to the attention of the Department and who in the Department was advised of them?

Answer:

The article alleges that Detention Services Provider employees at Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre compiled a report for WorkSafe Victoria in an attempt to force a workplace safety review. The allegations first came to the attention of the Department after the article in the online Herald Sun of 18 January 2012 was published. The Department has not been contacted by WorkSafe Victoria in relation to the report or in relation to a forthcoming workplace safety review.