

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0386) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

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 Department's policy in relation to drugs in detention centres? Has this policy been breached at any of the detention centres? If yes, on how many occasions and at which Centres?

Answer.

The Department's Detention Services Manual outlines the policy on drugs in the section *Items Not Permitted in Immigration Detention Centres*. It states:

Items that are not permitted in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs) include items that are illegal in the Australian community, items that present a risk to the health of detainees, visitors and staff, items that present a risk to privacy, safety or security, or items that may be offensive to others.

The Department cannot confirm that substances found in detention centres are illegal drugs. Any suspected substances are referred to the AFP for investigation.

The table below identifies the detention centre and date where suspected illegal drugs have been found for the period of 1 February 2011 to 29 February 2012. It also includes instances where unidentified pills have been located.

Location	Occurred On
Inverbrackie APOD	20/11/2011
Inverbrackie APOD	10/02/2012
Maribyrnong IDC	1/07/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	15/07/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	18/07/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	16/08/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	27/11/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	27/11/2011
Maribyrnong IDC	18/01/2012
North West Point Immigration Facility	19/04/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	20/09/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	27/09/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	21/10/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	19/11/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	19/11/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	24/11/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	1/12/2011
North West Point Immigration Facility	3/12/2011
Northern IDC	9/03/2011
Northern IDC	19/08/2011
Perth IDC	15/02/2012
Scherger IDC	3/05/2011
Scherger IDC	23/09/2011
Scherger IDC	8/01/2012
Villawood IDC	10/05/2011
Villawood IDC	16/08/2011
Villawood IDC	6/11/2011
Villawood IDC	13/01/2012
Villawood IDC	4/02/2012
Villawood IDC	9/02/2012
Villawood IDC	9/02/2012
Villawood IDC	12/02/2012
Villawood IDC	13/02/2012
Villawood IDC	23/02/2012