

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0405) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

Have any interpreters who have been employed to work in immigration detention centres been released from their employment? Why?

*Answer:*

During the 2011 calendar year Translating and Interpreting Service National, the coordinating body for interpreting services within DIAC, provided eight notices for early termination of deployment.

One interpreter was, in part, terminated due to complaints of advocating for clients.

Seven interpreters had their assignments terminated for a range of factors including: lack of resilience and competence, inappropriate behaviour, being unable to work in a team environment or threatening DIAC staff.