

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(186) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Kirk (L&C 132) asked:

In relation to the transition out period, was it contemplated in the contract how that would be calculated?

Answer:

The contract with Australasian Correctional Services did not specify a transition-out period, nor did it specify how that period was to be determined.

The current contract with Global Solutions Limited specifies that the Services Provider must commence acting in accordance with the transition-out plan six months before the end of the contract, or immediately in the event of termination for convenience, termination for default by the Service provider, or termination for breach by the Commonwealth.

In addition to this six-month period, the Commonwealth may request a further 90 day period of phase-in/phase-out services. These services would be billed in accordance with the contract provisions covering out-of-scope services.