

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND PORTFOLIO

(222) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Was the use of any detainee labour included in GSL's tender for the detention services contract?
2. Was the use of any detainee labour included in GSL's final detention services contract?
3. Did this detainee labour, under the 'meaningful activity' banner, include cleaning services in any part?

Answer:

1. Detainee labour was not included in the tender. Assignment of detainees to meaningful activities to assist in the maintenance of their wellbeing was tendered for. The value of meaningful activities performed by detainees was not identified in the tender, as this does not reflect the purpose of the activities.
2. The contract requires GSL to deliver outputs related to the provision of the detention services. It does not specify the inputs required to achieve these outputs.
3. Some meaningful activities include cleaning tasks.