

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(130) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

What restrictions are there on members of the community visiting the asylum seekers being detained in Brisbane (in both the transit centres and motels)?

Answer:

Visitors are asked to make arrangements to visit an immigration detention facility at least 24 hours in advance, so that clients can be consulted on the proposed visit and suitable arrangements can be put into place. Standard visits practice is that a completed visitor's application form should be provided to the detention service provider. The process and visit forms are available on the Department's web site. Separate arrangements are in place for volunteers and community organisations.

These arrangements apply to both the Brisbane ITA in full and alternate places of detention such as motels.