

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0304) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 4) asked:

Did the Minister request a submission on any individuals after the sentencing of three persons in November 2010 involving their involvement in an earlier riot at the Northwest Point detention centre on Christmas Island in late 2009?

Answer:

No, the Minister has not requested any character related submissions on any of the three persons sentenced in November 2010 for their involvement in the disturbance on Christmas Island in late 2009. Advice from the Department was that, as none of these clients had received a substantial criminal record (imprisonment for 12 months or more), they had met the character requirements.