

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0319) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the three deaths at the Villawood detention centre in 2010. Since this time there have been another three deaths within immigration facilities:

Will SERCO staff or SERCO contractors or DIAC staff who have been found to be lapse in their duty of care in relation to deaths in detention face sanctions or fines? If so, what sanctions or fines? If not, why not?

Answer:

Any action to be taken will be subject to the findings of the Coronial inquiry.