QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0320) 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:

Have any SERCO staff or SERCO contractors, or DIAC staff faced any sanctions or fines in relation to the three deaths at Villawood detention centre last year? If yes, what were the sanctions or fines? If not, why not?

Answer:

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