

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0349) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to QoN 195 from the February Additional Estimates, which asked about reportable incidents in each SERCO managed detention facility, whether the incidents were investigated and what the costs were associated with repairs to damage as a result of those incidents. The department advised that from 1 July 2010 – 28 February 2011, there were 850 critical and 794 major incidents at detention facilities managed by SERCO. A critical incident is defined as a “serious injury or a threat to life” and a major incident is defined as one “which threatens the success of escorts/transfer/removal activities”. Please provide a copy of the post incident review for each of the critical and major incidents between 1 July 2010 – 28 February 2011.

Answer:

Post incident reviews are not investigation reports. Their purpose is to audit reporting, policy and procedures. The 1644 post incident reviews sought in the question are not readily available in consolidated form and it would be a major task to collect and assemble them.