

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0362) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to each of the detention facilities on Christmas Island and the mainland: Is the department aware of any steroid use in Christmas Island? Any of the detention facilities?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of any use of steroids at any immigration detention facility, on Christmas Island or on the mainland, unless these have been clinically prescribed as part of a client's health treatment plan (eg for unstable asthma or another legitimate medical condition).