

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0404) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Is the telephone usage monitored? How?

Answer:

Telephone usage is not formally monitored, however, a Detention Service Provider Officer may intervene where usage by particular clients is considered unreasonable.

Formal monitoring of phone calls is not appropriate as it would be a breach of the person's privacy.