

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0457) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

How many external trips 'excursions' are made by clients from Australia's metropolitan immigration detention facilities each year?

Answer:

From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 there were 43,402 structured programs/excursions across the detention network. The description 'structured programs' is used to describe escorts to schools, educational institutions and recreational excursions such as trips to local parkland, shopping centres, swimming centres, cinemas, sporting fields, barbecues etc. This program does not include escorts from home visits, medical appointments or court appearances.