

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0464) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Are these excursions provided for only those clients under assessment or are they also provided to those who have had claims rejected and awaiting removal?

Answer:

All clients accommodated in immigration detention facilities are able to apply for, or be offered the opportunity to participate in, an excursion outside of their normal immigration detention arrangement no matter whether they are on a migration or removal pathway. The detention services provider is required to undertake a risk assessment before an excursion is approved and put appropriate security arrangements in place, including escorts.