

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0489) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash (L&CA 87-88) asked:

With reference to question 316 from the February 2011 estimates in relation to the family who were transferred to Sydney, are those parents allowed to accompany this child, seeing they have been given an adverse security clearance?

*Answer:*

Yes, those parents are allowed to accompany their children to school, meeting with teachers as well as going out on excursions. All clients in immigration detention centres 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 ensure that there are appropriate security arrangements in place, including escorts, for all excursions.