

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0494) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 52) asked:

How many people have been denied privileges for getting on the roof? Has anyone been denied privileges for getting on the roof?

Answer:

It is not possible to provide the information requested as departmental systems do not provide reporting with this level of detail.

The consequences of the roof top protests vary; for some the matter may simply be dealt with by the Detention Service Provider (DSP) who will engage with the client about appropriate behaviour. Some more serious consequences for the clients involved in the April 2011 incident at Villawood resulted in the client being assessed as a higher risk and being moved to the Blaxland compound or the Maribyrnong IDC, commensurate with their increased security risk.

Under the Detention Services Contract the DSP has the ability to use interventionist and/or restrictive measures against individuals who they deem to have behaved in an anti-social manner. These measures may include segregation, specific behaviour management agreements, withdrawal of access to amenities, use of curfews and restriction on periods of access to specific areas of the facility.

Due to the substantial damage to the facilities at Villawood there was no internet access in the Hughes and Fowler compounds and limited access at Blaxland for some weeks following the disturbance.