

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0495) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 52-53) asked:

Were the people who came off the roof in Villawood who were not referred to Silverwater jail denied privileges? Did they still have access to the internet and the telephone?

Answer:

The clients who came down from the roof and who were not referred to Silverwater were moved to more secure and restrictive detention accommodation – namely, Blaxland compound. A new behaviour management plan was put in place for all of these clients. There were a number of services, however, (internet and telephone) which were not available at the time to any clients in the centre due to damage caused by the fires. Amenities in Villawood are being restored and clients will have access unless short term limitations are in place due to behavioural concerns.