

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0519) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 106) asked:

A report in the Cairns Post on 23 May 2011 states:

"Ex-security guards from the Scherger Immigration Detention Centre at Weipa claim asylum seekers are watching violent videos on YouTube, downloading porn, and logging on to terrorist-run websites."

Was the Department of Immigration and Citizenship aware of these allegations before they were reported in the Cairns Post?

Answer:

The Department was not aware of any incidents of inappropriate internet use taking place at the Scherger Immigration Detention Centre.