

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0522) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 105) asked:

Has any damage been caused to the Scherger facility as a consequence of detainee actions? If yes, provide the committee with information in relation to the nature of the damage, the cost of repairs for the damage, what action was taken against those who caused the damage, whether those who caused the damage to the facility or other property were subject to criminal charges.

Answer:

Yes. There has been some damage to showers, beds, air-conditioner components, fire extinguishers, windows and a television set. The overall cost of repairs was approximately \$18 000.

Instances of damage are referred to Queensland Police by Serco as a matter of course. The Queensland Police have declined to investigate or lay charges.