

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0528) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

In relation to the assault on a Serco staff member by a minor, what is Serco's or DIAC's responsibility there in that you have been made aware that an incident has actually occurred - an assault?

Answer:

Security and staffing arrangements at all detention facilities are the responsibility of the Detention Services Provider (DSP) under the terms of the contract with the Department.

Incidents of assault on Department staff, DSP staff or on clients are taken very seriously and may be referred to the Australian Federal Police.

The circumstances of all such incidents are reported to the Department and investigated by the DSP.