

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0546) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 69) asked:

Have there been circumstances where detainees have demanded cigarettes and they do not have the points to acquire them and the cigarettes have been provided to them by Serco staff?

Answer:

Advice from our Detention Service Provider is, "It is Serco policy that staff do not provide cigarettes to clients".