QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0556) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 51) asked:

Provide a copy of the code of conduct detainees are supposed to abide by in detention facilities.

Answer.

All facilities have a code of conduct that is tailored to the specific circumstances of each centre. Attached is an example of a code of conduct for the Sydney Immigration Residential Housing.

To ensure that everyone in the IRH feels safe and comfortable, it is important that you comply with the following centre rules:

I understand that while in the Sydney Immigration Residential Housing Complex

• Abide by Australian laws

• Always treat staff, visitors and other people in detention with respect whatever their gender, race, religion or sexuality

- Never bully, threaten or intimidate another person
- Never display material that would be offensive to others
- Never use prohibited items such as alcohol or any illegal drugs
- Cooperate fully in the daily operation of the IRH
- Keep your accommodation clean and tidy
- Avoid any damage to the IRH and its equipment
- Respect peoples' rights to express their own culture, religion and beliefs

• Supervise my children at all times in all areas of the IRH, including any creche or play area facilities

- Respect and never interfere with another person's property
- Maintain a good level of personal hygiene
- Keep all noise to an acceptable level
- Express my views, requests or complaints in a reasonable and constructive manner

• Cooperate in keeping the IRH (including communal areas) and equipment of the IRH in a clean, safe, useable and hygienic condition

• Not willfully damage or be neglectful of my surroundings

I confirm that I have read and understand the IRH rules whilst staying in this centre.

Name of person in detention:

Signature:

Date: