

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE11/0577) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Abetz (L&CA 25) asked:

In relation to the Pontville Detention Centre, who is on the community consultation committee and who determined who would be on it?

*Answer:*

A formal committee was established and a meeting was held on 7 September 2011. This Community Consultation Group (CCG), was Chaired by Air Marshal Ray Funnell, a member of the Council for Immigration Services and Status Resolution (CISSR). A number of consultations have been held throughout April 2011 with State Government agencies, Local Government and community members. This included a local stakeholder meeting held at Pontville Meeting Hall on 13 April 2011 with selected members of the community. In attendance at this meeting were the Mayor of Southern Midlands Council, Brighton councillors, representatives from emergency and health services, multicultural and migrant resource group representatives, local business and nearby neighbours. The Department also held a public meeting on 20 April 2011 at the Brighton Community Hall.

The CCG will be comprised of key stakeholders and drawn from Tasmanian Government agencies, organisations and groups that have approached Serco or DIAC with the offer of voluntary services, local government representatives, and others as guided by the Detention Services Manual, Chapter 4.