

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0589) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (L&CA 68) asked:

In relation to the people who have arrived since the announcement on 7 May 2011, have they had access to anybody outside the department?

Answer:

Clients who have arrived 7 May – 25 July 2011 have had access to the same external organisations as clients who arrived prior to the announcement. This also includes access to facilities and services including activities, internet and telephone. For example, clients who have arrived since 7 May 2011 have accessed and continue to access the following external organisations: Red Cross, Life Without Barriers, the International Organization for Migration, representatives from the Ombudsman's Office, legal representatives and general visitors.