

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

#### **(BE11/0660) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

What was the nature of the security breach, i.e. did asylum seekers leave the premises? How? How many? How long were they outside the facility?

*Answer:*

The first security breach involved a female client who attempted to leave the facility by walking under the main entry boom gate. A Serco officer stopped the client in the car park and directed her to return to the facility. The client was outside the facility only momentarily.

The second breach involved three clients (father, mother and baby in pram) who attempted to walk out of the facility past the boom gate at the main entrance. Serco staff stopped the family and directed them to return to the facility. The clients were outside the facility only momentarily.