

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/666) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What powers do the SA police have in relation to entering the Inverbrackie facility in the event of a disturbance?

Answer:

The South Australian Police (SAPOL) have agreed to provide policing services to Inverbrackie that are 'time critical' in recognition that the Australian Federal Police have limited capacity to respond to emergency situations in South Australia.

SAPOL's legal powers to enter the Inverbrackie facility are based on the intent of a memorandum of understanding between the Department and SAPOL that is currently being progressed.