

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0676) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What action was taken against those who caused damage to the Curtin facility?

Answer:

The standard procedure for dealing with alleged acts of deliberate property damage occurring at Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) is for the matter to be referred to the Australian Federal Police (AFP) for further investigation.

Decisions as to whether or not those involved in alleged incidents of property damage should be charged with criminal damage are a matter for the AFP and Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP).

None of the alleged incidents of deliberate property damage occurring at Curtin IDC over the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 resulted in further action by the AFP or CDPP.

Alleged incidents of deliberate property damage are also dealt with by the Detention Service Provider, Serco, who will engage with the client about appropriate behaviour.

Serco has the ability under the contract to use interventionist and/or restrictive measures against individuals who they deem to have behaved in an anti-social manner. These measures may include segregation, specific behaviour management agreements, withdrawal of access to amenities, use of curfews and restriction on periods of access to specific areas of the facility.