

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0678) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Will those who cause damage to the Curtin facility or other property be subject to criminal charges and if not, what is the justification for not charging these detainees.

Answer:

The standard procedure for dealing with alleged acts of deliberate property damage occurring at Curtin Immigration Detention Centre 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.