

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0680) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

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

Answer:

Any damage to Commonwealth property is referred to the relevant Police authority for investigation. It is a matter for the Police and Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions as to whether they pursue charges. DIAC cannot comment on Police or Court matters.

The Minister has stated that he will consider the use of his powers to prevent people who have been involved in criminal, violent or destructive behaviour, from being allowed to apply for a Permanent Protection visa.