

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0684) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

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

*Answer:*

The action taken is dependent upon the nature and seriousness of the incident. If the damage is considered minor, the matter will be dealt with by 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.

If the incident is considered major, the matter will be reported to the relevant authorities for investigation. None of the alleged incidents of property damage occurring at Leonora over the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 were considered serious enough to require referral to police authorities for investigation.