

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE11/0692) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

In relation to people in community detention, what action was taken against those who caused damage to property?

*Answer:*

Where damage has occurred to a property being used for community detention the Department works with the Red Cross to identify the cause of the damage and takes appropriate action. This may include explaining property maintenance and the responsibilities of the client while in community detention.

Where it is found that the damage to property is malicious, rather than accidental, steps will be taken to recover the cost of repairs from the client.