

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0703) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 91) asked:

Is it true that on one of the charter flights some detainees refused the instruction of the flight crew to extinguish cigarettes?

Answer:

It was reported on 6 May 2011 that a settlement passenger on a Virgin Blue commercial flight from Christmas Island to Perth was spoken to by the AFP on arrival into Perth for alleged smoking in the toilet of the plane.