

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0384) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman report entitled “Detention arrangements – the transfer of 22 detainees from Villawood Immigration Detention Centre to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Silverwater” dated April 2012 and I ask: PAM3 states that a person in immigration detention **MUST** be provided with a Notice of transfer to a correctional facility, and that copies **MUST** be sent to the legal representatives or migration agent of the person in detention, so why did this not happen?

Answer:

Copies of written notices of the transfers were provided to the clients and their representatives/migration agents. The timing of these processes is detailed in the response to Question BE12/0383.