

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0441) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz (L&CA 80) asked:

Pontville: The floodlights – which are still on at night – would be paid for by the Department?

Answer:

The Detention Services Provider, Serco, advises that all major lights at the Pontville Immigration Detention Centre were turned off when the last client left the facility and the only lights that remain illuminated are for the security of the centre and safety of security staff.

Under the Detention Services Contract, Serco is required to manage and arrange the immediate payment for all costs associated with utilities, including electricity. These costs are then charged to the Department as Pass Through Costs.