

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0088) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Abetz (L&CA 24) asked:

Senator ABETZ: Are we able to advise whether these detainees are handcuffed whilst they are on the aeroplane? Is that normal procedure?

Mr Cahill: Firstly, he is obviously no longer in detention when he is taken out of detention. He is under security escort with a risk profile by Serco. In some instances they are flexicuffed- in other instances they are not. But they are accompanied by Serco.

Senator ABETZ: Do we know whether or not they were flexicuffed—I assume that is something different to handcuffed but has the same debilitating impact on the detainee?

Mr Cahill: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Kohl was not restrained at any time during the escort due to his risk rating and compliant behavior, and due to his status as a voluntary removal.