

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0093) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Abetz (L&CA 25) asked:

Senator ABETZ: Is there a provision in the Serco contract that, if things like this occur, they can be financially penalised?

Mr Bowles: Yes, there are, Senator.

Senator ABETZ: Could take on notice what those might be, if they are not subject to a commercial-in-confidence. Can you confirm that Interpol agents apparently believed their prisoner was waiting to change planes in a transit lounge, but in fact he was in a hotel room?

Answer:

The Department can confirm that the escape was subject to abatement under the contract.

The Department can confirm that Interpol was not involved in the transit of Mr Kohl.