

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0160) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 95) asked:

Senator ABETZ: Given the fracas, disturbance or whatever we want to call it at Pontville detention centre this past week are we now reviewing the assessment process?

Mr Cahill: The incident I think you are referring to was a volleyball match. [...]

Mr Douglas: A number of Serco offices received some cuts and lacerations.

Senator ABETZ: Do we know how many?

Mr Douglas: I would need to take that on notice

Answer:

On 12 May 2013, approximately 80 clients were involved in a disturbance initiated over access to a volleyball court. One client sustained a cut to the finger and one Serco staff member received treatment in hospital as an outpatient.