

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0162) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 96) asked:

Senator ABETZ: Surely you must know by now how many police were there. Sure, the media try to guess at these things from time to time, but we have got the officials here who know the exact number who were in the detention centre as of last night.

Mr Cahill: I will have to take that on notice. I do not have the specific number but the police were on site.

Senator ABETZ: That is fairly obvious. Was it one officer, 10 officers?

Mr Cahill: I do not have that figure with me.

Senator ABETZ: We do not have any feeling for it at all?

Mr Cahill: I would not want to speculate. I will take it on notice.

Answer:

On 24 May 2013, a total of 19 Tasmania Police officers attended Pontville Alternative Place of Detention.