

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0186) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 108) asked:

Senator CASH: Thank you for that. I will now go briefly to the Maribyrnong detention centre allegations. An article in The Herald Sun on 22 May 2012 said detention centre staff alleged that a convicted Vietnamese drug smuggler and a New Zealand bikie are operating a drug ring inside the Maribyrnong detention centre. [...]

Senator CASH: When was drug testing last conducted at this particular centre?

Mr Douglas: I don't know. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Drug testing is not conducted at Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), as there is no provision for this under the Migration Act. All suspicious items found on the grounds of an IDF are referred to the relevant authority for their appropriate action.