

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0368) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Have there been any reported incidences or disturbances at the Inverbrackie facility involving asylum seekers since 1 July 2011? If so, please provide details as to the nature of these.

Answer:

Since 1 July 2011 up to 28 May 2013, departmental systems indicate there have been four incidents recorded as 'Major Disturbances'. These include a family throwing furniture after they were told that they couldn't take the furniture from their house with them into community detention; a woman who became very agitated when she was told that one of her children had died (not in Australia); a single father who became frustrated and threw the television through the window of his house (no injuries); and a stove top fire resulting in minimal smoke damage and no injuries to persons.