

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 31 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0414) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Why did the Department not publish a November Detention Statistics Report in 2012?

Answer:

The time taken to publish the detention statistics report can vary from month to month depending on the number of data irregularities identified during quality assurance processes.

The 30 November 2012 report was finalised and became available for publication at around the same time as the finalisation of checks for the December 2012 report. As it represented a more recent snapshot of people in detention, the Department decided to publish the 31 December 2012 report.