

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(52) Output 1.5: Detention

Senator Ellison asked:

Provide an update of the answer to question on notice no. 56 from the May 2008 estimates hearings: "Will the issue of alternative means of detention for people with criminal backgrounds be raised at the correction ministers council?"

Previous answer to QoN 56:

The annual meeting of the Correctional Services Ministers' Conference was held on 12 June 2008, two weeks after the Budget Estimates hearing. At the time the Minister was still considering a draft submission from the Department in relation to the issue of alternative immigration detention for people whose visas have been cancelled under section 501 of the Migration Act 1958.

Answer:

The next Correctional Services Ministers' Conference is due to meet in Perth on 18 June 2009. It is currently not considered that the issue of alternative immigration detention for people with criminal backgrounds will be raised at that meeting.