

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(104) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 110) asked:

Provide a timeline as to when the Minister had discussions with the Premier of Western Australia before the Northam announcement occurred.

Answer:

On 28 May 2010, Premier Barnett wrote to the former Minister, Senator Evans, identifying the site at Northam as one that should be examined as a possible site for an immigration detention facility.

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship spoke to the Western Australian Premier Mr Barnett on Saturday 16 October 2010, to advise of the intention to use the Northam site.