

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(18) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Cash (L&CA 27) asked:

- (1) Is the department aware of confidentiality clauses being imposed by one of their head contractors on any subcontractors for works being undertaken for the department where such confidentiality was not a requirement for the department?
- (2) If so, on what contracts and works do these relate to?
- (3) Does the department support the inclusion of these confidentiality provisions? If so why? If not, what steps has the department taken to remove these requirements?

*Answer:*

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The expansion of the Curtin detention facility.
- (3) No. The department expects that head contractors ensure that their agreements with sub-contractors align with the obligations specified in head contracts with the department. The department has asked that head contractors ensure compliance.