

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(264) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many reportable incidents occurred in each of the SERCO managed detention facilities in 2009-10 and in the year to date?
- (2) What were they?
- (3) Were each of those incidents investigated?
- (4) Were any weapons searches conducted after each of these incidents? Were any found? What were they?

Answer.

- (1) A total of 2034 reportable incidents occurred in the Serco managed immigration detention facilities from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2010.
- (2) The incidents included but are not limited to, assaults, self harm, voluntary starvation, medical and health issues, protests, contraband items and client behaviour issues.
- (3) Yes, all incidents were investigated by Serco. Serious incidents were reported to the local police for investigation.
- (4) Weapon searches were not conducted after each and every incident. Routine searches are conducted and some contraband items were found which could be used as weapons.