

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(266) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How many deaths have there been in onshore detention facilities in the past 18 months?
- (2) What was the cause of them?
- (3) How many have been referred to the Coroner?
- (4) How many reports completed?

*Answer:*

(1) and (2) As at 19 October 2010 there have been two deaths in onshore immigration detention facilities in the past 18 months. The circumstances surrounding one death at Villawood Immigration Detention Centre are the subject of an ongoing investigation and the second death was due to natural causes.

(3) Both deaths were referred to the Coroner.

(4) Only one report has been completed by the Coroner - the report in relation to the client that died due to natural causes. In relation to the second death, the police investigation is still underway.