

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(268) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

(1) Is there a mandated staff ratio for detention centres and other facilities where asylum seekers are detained?

(2) Is that ratio currently being met?

Answer:

(1) There is no mandated staff ratio for detention centres and other facilities. The Department has contracted Serco to provide the detention services with staffing levels based on the client and physical security characteristics of each facility.

(2) See (1).