

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

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

Senator Cash asked:

(1) Can the Department explain how, after the serious incident of the suicide death of Mr Raulueni, two separate groups were able to gain access to the roof of one of the buildings of the detention centre to stage a protest?

(2) Where are these detainees now being held?

*Answer:*

(1) The two separate protest actions occurred in different accommodation areas, and on the rooftop of two different buildings. In one case the protesters gained access to the rooftop by climbing through windows and scaling the building eaves onto the roof tiles. In the other they broke through a locked manhole cover in the ceiling, and removed tiles from inside the roof cavity.

(2) The first group of roof top protesters have now been returned to the appropriate accommodation area within Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (IDC). The second group are also accommodated within an appropriate area within Villawood IDC, other than two clients, who for operational reasons were both transferred to Maribyrnong IDC.