

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(283) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

(1) What is the standard for the design and fit-out of Immigration Facilities for single occupancy.

(2) Is this standard being met at the Curtin immigration detention facility and at the Leonora site?

Answer:

(1) The Standards for the Design and Fitout of Immigration Facilities provide for 10m² for single occupancy, with a maximum of two people per bedroom in times of surge or contingency capacity (5 m² per person).

(2) Due to the increase in Irregular Maritime Arrivals, the standards on square metres per person are not being met at Curtin. Leonora is a facility for families and in this context acceptable community solutions apply.