

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(295) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

How many extra staff has Serco engaged as a result of the additional responsibilities of the extra sites? Where are those extra staff working?

Answer:

As a result of recent additional requirements across the detention services network, including the opening of new sites, Serco has recruited approximately 217 new staff in the last three months. The majority of these staff are client service staff based at Villawood, Christmas Island, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Darwin. These staff provide Serco with the additional capacity to second staff to the new sites such as Scherger, Curtin, Leonora and Darwin. Additional local recruitment has also been undertaken at these sites.