

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

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

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

Senator Cash asked:

Have there been any allegations of any kind of abuse – sexual or physical – against any detainee in any of the detention facilities on the mainland or on Christmas Island by another detainee, employee of the Government or employee of the contractor? What has been the outcome of those allegations?

*Answer:*

The Department has received allegations of inappropriate behaviour (sexual and physical). Where such allegations are made, these are, subject to the alleged victim's wishes, reported to the local State or Territory Police for further investigation. Several clients have been summoned to appear in court in relation to those investigations. To date no criminal charges have been laid as a result of those investigations.