

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(317) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What community consultation was undertaken prior to the Prime Minister's announcement on the 18th of October in relation to Northam?

Answer:

No prior community consultation was undertaken as the decision was made by government on 18 October 2010. The West Australian Government had been consulted about sites and had suggested Northam among other sites.