

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(80) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 77) asked:

I note that an immigration official was quoted in the West Australian on 18 August 2010 saying that there is currently no construction underway beyond the existing stage which can accommodate about 600 detainees. In light of this comment, can you please explain what works were being conducted at the site at that time on 18 August?

Answer:

On 18 August 2010, the contractor, Complete Site Services (CSS), began stripping the top soil from the site in preparation for future construction works.