

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(95) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 91) asked:

How many more staff are planned for the Curtin IDC?

Answer:

The number of departmental staff at Curtin IDC is planned to ultimately expand to 42 staff from its current level of around 30, once the IDC has reached its full capacity of 1200 by mid January 2011.

The detention service provider will increase its staffing by 50 Client Service Officers, bringing the total to 140, and interpreter staffing is expected to increase to between 30 and 40, from the current level of 28.

The level of medical (including mental health) services provided at any given immigration detention facility is determined by the Department based on the recommendations of the health services provider. As at 10 November 2010, the health services provider had 20 staff working at the Curtin IDC. This workforce is expected to soon increase to around 23 personnel, to meet the health care needs of the increased number of people proposed to be accommodated there.