

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0283) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 14) asked:

When, since 2007, has the Department provided advice, including advice on costs, to the Minister in relation to onshore processing, community detention and bridging visas (in relation to onshore processing) and why was this advice provided?

Answer:

As part of iterative policy discussions with the Government, the Department has routinely provided advice on a wide range of matters associated with onshore processing including community detention and visa options since 2007.