

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(SE11/0305) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Abetz asked:

Who was contracted to build the security fence at Pontville?

- a) Were the contractors and builders flown in for that purpose?
- b) If so, why in the document that was handed out for information does it say 'Any construction at the site (such as the erection of fencing...) will provide employment opportunities in the Pontville and Hobart region'?

*Answer:*

Southern Security Fencing.

- a) Only one fencing contractor was flown in. That was the owner of Southern Security Fencing.
- b) Southern Security Fencing engaged 10 local contractors to assist in the construction of the fence. This included 4 concreters, 4 fence erectors/fixers and 2 crane operators.