

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0315) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Please provide an update on whether Serco has been sanctioned for any escapes or incidents involving detainees in detention centres? What were the circumstances that required Serco to be sanctioned? What was the sanction applied in each case?

Answer:

From May 2011 to September 2011, Serco was sanctioned for 9 incidents which involved client escapes. These clients escaped from either an Alternative Place of Detention or during an escort in the community.

A financial sanction was applied for each incident under the Performance Management provisions of the Detention Services Contract.