

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0341) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Is there an agreed bushfire response plan with the Country Fire Service for the Inverbrackie facility? What does the plan propose for days rated as catastrophic in the Adelaide Hills? Please provide the Committee with a copy of the bushfire response plan.

Answer:

Yes. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), together with Serco, has an agreed Emergency Response Plan with the South Australia Country Fire Service for the Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention (APOD).

Inverbrackie APOD observes the forecasted fire danger rating and takes action according to the level of alert as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology. On receiving a catastrophic warning, the Emergency Response Plan will be initiated immediately and the Centre will operate in command mode.

A copy of the Emergency Response Plan entitled, *Off Site Relocation due to declaration of a catastrophic fire day* is attached.