

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(SE11/0359) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA written) asked: The Northern Territory News on Tuesday 20 September this year reported that three Vietnamese asylum seekers escaped during a church service in Darwin on Sunday 18 September. Which detention centre were the men from? Was Serco responsible for security on the church visit and if so were they subsequently sanctioned? If so, what sanction was imposed?

*Answer:*

The three Vietnamese people were from the Northern Immigration Detention Centre. Serco is contractually responsible for supervising people in detention whilst on an excursion. A financial sanction was applied in this case.