

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0421) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 25) asked:

Two of the key recommendations in the Joint Select Committee on Australia's Immigration Detention Network report went to the need for the Department to manage Serco's implementation of the psychological support program policy. Has the way that the department engages with Serco on this particular program changed?

*Answer:*

The department has increased its engagement with Serco around the implementation of the Psychological Support Program (PSP). This engagement has included clarifying the relationship between Serco's Keep Safe policy and the PSP and has led to the provision of further procedural advice to Serco across the detention network.