

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0590) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Implementation of Hawke-Williams report: Why have MOUs between Serco, the AFP and local police only been finalised with Tasmania and the Northern Territory?

Answer:

The finalised MOUs are tripartite agreements between the department, Australian Federal Police (AFP) and the relevant State/Territory jurisdiction, for the provision of policing services to immigration detention facilities in the relevant State/Territory. Serco is not a party to these MOUs.

Each state and territory law enforcement agency has specific operational considerations. As at 15 October 2012, the department continues to work with the remaining jurisdictions to progress the MOUs to finalisation.