

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0596) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Implementation of Hawke-Williams report: The report notes that in discussions with police, “an Implementation Protocol has been developed which articulates the role of the detention service provider in responding to an incident” (page 4). What is the role of the detention service provider in responding to an incident?

Answer:

The role of the Detention Services Provider in responding to an incident is dependent on local conditions and circumstances.

The document describing the role of the Detention Services Provider in responding to an incident will be an attachment to the department’s MOU with the Australian Federal Police and the relevant State or Territory Police Service. As at 15 October 2012, the department is in negotiation with all State and Territory Police Services to formalise these arrangements, with the exception of NT Police Service. An MOU has been in place with the NT Police and AFP since March 2012.