

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0645) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Has Transfield subcontracted out any of the work to another party? Who and why? Is there a requirement for a contractor to tell the department that they are subcontracting a part of their contract?

Answer:

The department has a number of contracts in place in relation to the management of services both on and offshore that allow for subcontracting.

In accordance with the Heads of Agreement, Transfield is required to advise and obtain approval from the department before entering into a subcontract above a certain value.

Transfield has subcontracted security services to Wilson Security and Nauruan Sterling Security Guard. The department provided approval prior to these subcontracting arrangements being entered into.