

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/156) - AHRC Report - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

The report to the AHRC also recommended that Serco guards discontinue 5am and 10pm headcounts for families with children due to the disruption to sleep and the fear that this generates.

How does the Department propose to respond to this recommendation?

Why are 5am and 10pm headcounts conducted with families with young children?

Answer:

The Department is considering the recommendations of the AHRC report in order to provide a considered response.

Serco are required to conduct routine headcounts to provide assurance that all detainees are safe and accounted for.