

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/160) - Compliance and Detention - Dry Cells - Definition - Programme 1.3:  
Compliance and Detention**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Please explain what a “dry cell” is. Has the Department or a contractor ever used dry cells in the past?

*Answer:*

The term dry cell refers to a holding room where an individual is detained with no access to running water or a flushing toilet.

The Department has used dry cell methodology on one occasion.