

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 19 October 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE15/018) - Early learning centres staff (Onshore) - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 62) asked:

CHAIR: There are 33 permanently on the mainland. These early learning centres are staffed by who?

CHAIR: Ms Briscoe, could you please continue and just ignore the interjections.

Ms Briscoe: And there are Serco officers that provide a range of activities, whether it be in the gymnasium, as a hairdresser, or in looking after the younger children. Children of school age go to schools in the local area.

Senator LINDGREN: Ms Briscoe, can I add a supplementary question. Do those people have qualifications?

Ms Briscoe: I believe so, but I can take that on notice."

Answer:

Early learning programmes are in place for children in detention and are managed by Service Provider (Serco) Support Workers.

Serco staff working in the role of a Detainee Support Worker (Children), must hold at least a Certificate III level qualification in child welfare, hold a current first aid certificate, and have at least two years' experience in related community service.

Serco staff undertaking general Programmes and Activities roles must be qualified to at least Diploma level in an associated discipline along with significant staff management experience, and have acquired at least two years' experience in planning, managing and conducting structured programmes and activities for adults and children.