

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 17 October 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE16/080) - Contact with visitors - Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA) written:

What is the rationale for isolating detainees from contact with visitors? (e.g. pregnant woman)

Answer:

The Department and the Facilities and Detainee Service Provider (FDSP) take its duty of care seriously in relation to the health and safety of detainees, staff and visitors.

Where appropriate, the Department may place restrictions on specific visits to address medical advice or safety and security concerns. Visitors may also be refused access to an immigration detention facility where the visitor has been assessed to present a risk to the good order of the facility or the visitor does not comply with the Department's conditions of entry requirements. Visits may also be declined where the detainee has declined to participate in the requested visit.