

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(191) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

Do you have a record of the amount of cash that is being stored in locked facilities in Detention Centres? If information on the amount of money is kept on individual files held by Serco's Services Management, are you able to explore for me the ability to provide the committee with that data?

*Answer:*

Under its contract with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, the Service Provider, Serco, has an obligation to appropriately manage the property of people in immigration detention. During the reception process money amounts are recorded on individual files and the money is kept in trust on behalf of the person in immigration detention until removal or release when it is signed back to them.

Serco has advised that a central register is not maintained. There is no contractual obligation on Serco to maintain a central register or disclose money which may arrive in the possession of clients.