

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(200) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Is there a mandated staff ratio for detention centres and other facilities where asylum seekers are detained? Is that ratio being met?

Answer:

No. The Serco contract is an outputs-based contract. This means that Serco needs to provide the resources required to meet its contractual obligations. The contract does not specify staff to client ratios.

Serco must provide sufficient staff to provide a safe and secure environment, as well as be able to meet all of its contractual obligations under the detention services contract.