

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(235) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- 1) Has the investigation report into the death of 41-year-old Ahmad Al Eqabi at Sydney's Villawood detention centre on 16th November last year been finalised?
- 2) What was the cause of death?
- 3) Has suicide been ruled out?

Answer:

The Department assumes that this question relates to the death of 41 year old Mr Ahmad Obeid Al Akabi;

- 1) No. DIAC has been awaiting the Coroners' findings before finalisation of its investigation. No date has been set for the coronial hearing.
- 2) The cause of death will be determined at the coronial enquiry.
- 3) Refer to 2) above.