

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0368) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Yongah Hill's Detention facility: I refer to an article in the Avon Valley Gazette, dated 3 November 2011, in which a DIAC spokeswoman is quoted as saying "The department is working with WA police and the State Government to outline what the security arrangements would involve," – what are the security arrangements?

Answer:

The Department continues to work with the Western Australia Police as part of negotiations toward the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for policing services in response to incidents at immigration detention facilities that require a police response.

The primary responsibility for ensuring the good order of the Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre will rest with the detention services provider, Serco. However, the Department will work closely with the Australian Federal Police, the WA Police and Serco to ensure any incident at a detention facility that requires a police response is appropriately managed. The level and timing of any police response will depend on the circumstances surrounding each incident.