QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0407) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

In this report, the Department noted that "there has been a significant decrease in the number of disturbances that have occurred since April 2011 and where incidents have occurred, they have been shorter in duration" [page 2]. What incidents is the department referring to here?

Answer:

The department is referring to five incidents since March 2011 that involved a number of people in immigration detention that caused damage to Commonwealth property.