

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010**

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

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

Senator Humphries (L&C 59) asked:

How many extra staff has Serco engaged as a result of the additional responsibilities of the extra sites? Where are those extra staff working?

*Answer:*

The number of Serco staff currently at new mainland sites, at this point in time, is in the order of 162. The bulk of these are working at Curtin (71), and Leonora (34). In addition approximately 57 staff have been appointed to Alternative Places of Detention at the Asti Motel in Darwin, the Virginia Palms Resort in outer Brisbane as well the Port Augusta Residential Housing Project.

Whilst Serco continues to engage extra staff to meet changing demands not all of these are sent to new sites, in some cases additional staff are used to backfill positions at existing facilities whilst experienced staff are seconded to new facilities.