

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0365) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the answer given to QoN 185 from the February Additional Estimates, which states that individuals may have their internet privileges withdrawn for a short period if their behaviour around the computers is deemed to be not fair and reasonable or not conducive to equitable use of computing resources. Such behaviour could mean “damaging equipment, or, even more seriously, causing physical arguments or disruptions over the computer use”. Can the department please provide details of any costs involved in making repairs to computer equipment that has been damaged by detainees?

Answer:

The Department has not paid for any repairs to damaged computer equipment as this is a Serco responsibility.