

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0459) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What measures are put in place to prevent escapes during these trips?

Answer:

Every location must have a risk assessment completed before an excursion can be approved. The risk assessments for locations identify line of sight, entry and exit points, the locality of nearby public transport and other factors that may facilitate abscondments. Each client also has their own security risk assessment which is regularly reviewed and updated. A client's current risk rating, as well as the site assessment, and the number of escorting officers are considered before an excursion is approved.