QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0532) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 102) asked:

Provide an account of the assault incident.

Answer.

A number of clients were late for buses and two parents stood in the way of the bus to prevent it leaving. While this occurred, the child ran up and kicked and punched the Serco officer as she was bending over to talk to another client beside the school bus.

The incident was reported to the South Australian Police (SAPOL) who declined to interview the child because of his age.