

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0386) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

I refer to the Commonwealth Ombudsman report entitled “Detention arrangements – the transfer of 22 detainees from Villawood Immigration Detention Centre to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Silverwater” dated April 2012 and I ask: The transfers occurred in the early hours of 22 April 2011, when did the nominated departmental officer first visit the correctional centre?

Answer:

DIAC NSW Case Management officers conducted the first visit to the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre Silverwater on 28 April 2011.