

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0185) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 107) asked:

Senator CASH: My understanding is that there was a brawl reported on Christmas Island on Sunday, 21 April.

Mr Cahill: Sorry?

Senator CASH: A brawl—a fight—on Sunday, 21 April. Do you have any details in relation to what occurred?

Mr Cahill: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

On Sunday 21 April 2013 there was an altercation involving two groups of clients accommodated at the Aqua/Lilac Alternative Place of Detention on Christmas Island.

Serco was quickly able to separate the parties involved.

A number of people were treated on site by International Health and Medical Services for minor injuries.