

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(105) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Does the department agree with Premier Barnett's comments that the Northam detention facility should be limited to 500 detainees because 1500 detainees could represent a threat to the local community?

Answer:

The Northam facility will have appropriate levels of security for both clients and community.

Given the size and location of the facility, the site can readily accommodate 1500 single adult men.