

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(307) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

There were a number of newspaper reports about the department requesting department of defence families be moved to make way for asylum seekers. Did the department or government at any stage request the transfer of defence force personnel and families to make accommodation available for asylum seekers? If so how many families were requested to move; where were these defence force families located?

*Answer:*

There have been no requests to Defence to transfer personnel or families to accommodate asylum seekers.