

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(315) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

(1) Did the Department prepare options for additional family accommodation for unauthorised maritime arrivals prior to the election?

(2) If yes, when was this list prepared? Please provide a copy of the list.

(3) Was Inverbrackie in South Australia on that list of options?

(4) Was Northam in Western Australia on that list of options?

Answer:

(1) and (2) The Department as part of prudent contingency planning considers options for additional family accommodation on an ongoing basis.

(3) and (4) The Department does not comment on policy advice provided to the Minister.