

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(74) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 73) asked:

What is the public policy reason behind the government not expanding the Curtin detention centre beyond 1200 people? Did the department recommend the expansion of Curtin?

Answer:

The decision not to expand beyond 1200 people was made by the Minister on the basis that this was an appropriate number of people for this particular site, taking into account its location and operational needs.

The department does not comment on advice provided to the Minister.