

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(75) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 74) asked:

In relation to the Curtin detention facility, can the department confirm that a major review was made to the master plan for stage 3 on the map to accommodate the provision of a blast zone? Please provide details.

Answer:

As the master plan was being developed and revised, the Department of Defence advised that there were safety exclusion zones around a nearby munitions building and fuel storage areas. No other buildings are permitted in those zones for safety reasons.

The early revisions of the master plan had suggested buildings in the exclusion zones. Consequently it was further revised to identify the exclusion zones and to propose re-location of buildings outside those zones.