QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(76) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 74) asked:

In relation to the Curtin detention facility, was any advice given to the department that the blast zone buffer would need to be put in that particular position because of the potential to expand into camp 3?

My understanding is that on map C there is no provision for the blast zone and then on this revision here there is a provision for the blast zone. Did the department receive advice that this blast zone needed to be moved at all?

Answer.

The blast zones were always in those locations and cannot be moved because they refer to existing Defence infrastructure. The proposed location of buildings on the master plan was moved to reflect the pre-existing blast zones, when this information was provided by the Department of Defence.