

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0300) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz (L&CA 84) asked:

In relation to the Pontville Detention Facility announcement, how much notice was given of the announcement and what consultation occurred?

Answer:

On the morning of 05 April 2011, the Minister contacted the Premier prior to the announcement. The following key stakeholders were initially contacted by officers of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on the same morning. Not all stakeholders were able to be reached at the first contact and follow up calls were required.

- Mr Rhys Edwards, Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Tasmania)
- Mayor Tony Foster Brighton, Local Government Area
- Mayor Anthony Bisdée, Southern Midlands Local Government Area
- Paul Mahony, Managing Director, and Tony Hassall, Director Serco – Detention Services Provider
- Michael Gardiner, Managing Director of International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) – Health Services Provider
- Robert Tickner, CEO of Australian Red Cross
- Claire Robbs, Deputy CEO of Life Without Barriers
- Dr Gillian Long Manager of Phoenix Support Service for Survivors of Torture and Trauma
- Simon Lewis, Deputy Secretary of Department of Defence
- Ramzi Jabbour, Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police
- Jonelle Lancashire, AFP Regional Manager for Tasmania
- Deputy Commissioner of the Tasmanian Police
- Paris Aristotle, Ray Funnell AC and Kerrin Benson, members of the Council for Immigration Services and Status Resolution (CISSR)
- Allan Asher, Commonwealth Ombudsman

- Hon. Catherine Branson QC, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)
- Richard Towle, UNHCR Regional Representative for Australia
- Dr Graham Thom, Australia's Refugee Coordinator, Amnesty International
- Prof Louise Newman Detention Health Advisory Group (DHAG)
- Paul Power CEO of Refugee Council of Australia

The following Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme providers were sent an email approximately one hour before the announcement:

- Julian van Leer - Craddock Murray Neumann
- Petra Playfair - Playfair Visa & Migration Services
- Florin Burhala - Florin Burhala & Associates
- John Vrachnas - Vrachnas Lawyers
- Roz Smidt - Vrachnas Lawyers
- David Manne - RILC
- Libby Hogarth - Australian Migration Options
- Christopher Boundy - Legal Services Commission SA
- Nigel Calver - Centrecare
- Justin Stevenson - Legal Aid Commission WA
- Meena Sripathy - RACS