

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0420) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 24) asked:

Provide an itemised response on the status of the Joint Select Committee's [on Australia's Immigration Detention Network] recommendations.

Answer:

Since the Joint Select Committee into Australia's Immigration Detention Network presented its report on 30 March 2012 (the report), some significant changes have occurred within immigration detention policy. The Government response has given consideration to recent developments since the report was handed down, including the recommendations of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers which reported to the Prime Minister on 13 August 2012 and the outcome of the High Court case M47 v the Director-General of Security & Ors, which was handed down on 5 October 2012.

The department has taken time to consider its response to the report in light of these changes, which includes the introduction of a review mechanism for clients subject to an Australian Security Intelligence Organisation adverse security assessment. The Government tabled the response to the report in Parliament on 29 November 2012.