

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0589) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Implementation of Hawke-Williams report: 224. The majority report of the Joint Standing Committee's inquiry into Australia's Detention Network recommended: 8.59 "that the Department of Immigration and Citizenship continue to work towards implementing all the recommendations made by the Hawke-Williams review and that the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship report to the Parliament no later than 20 September 2012 on progress in implementing the review recommendations". In an interview on ABC Lateline on 30 March 2012, Minister Bowen said: Alberici: Alright. The report says that you should be reporting back on your responses by September of this year. Is that likely? Bowen: I certainly will be endeavouring to do that, yes. Will the Minister be updating the Parliament on the Department's report or the progress of its implementation in 2012?

*Answer:*

The department, on behalf of Minister Bowen, tabled the "Report on Implementation of the Recommendations of the Independent Review of the Incidents at the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre and Villawood Immigration Detention Centre" in Parliament on 20 September 2012.