JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

- Question: How many of the individuals who were subject to that freeze were still in the system in March this year or may indeed have been in Villawood when events took place there? Could you confirm how many people who were still in the network on Christmas Island were subject to that freeze, particularly in aqua and lilac wings, where most of the disturbances were, and also in Villawood during the disturbances there?
- Answer: As at close of business 11 March 2011, there were 1841 Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) being accommodated at Christmas Island IDC. Of these, 384 were accommodated in the Aqua compound and 197 were accommodated in the Lilac compound.

Of the 1841, 139 were subject to the processing suspension. Of which, 33 were being accommodated in the Aqua Compound and two were accommodated in the Lilac compound.

As at close of business 20 April 2011 there were 172 IMAs being accommodated at Villawood IDC. Of these, two clients were subject to the processing suspension.

There is no evidence that any of those subject to the suspension were involved in the incidents at Christmas Island and Villawood IDC.