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**Department of Immigration and Citizenship**

**Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

**Inquiry and report into the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised  
Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012**

**Public Hearing – 31 January 2013**

**Department of Immigration and Citizenship's Responses to  
Questions on Notice**

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### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (No. 3)**

*Senator Wright asked:*

Dr Southern: The first phase of the permanent facilities on Nauru are currently being constructed. They are hard-walled permanent structures. They comprise shared rooms with all necessary facilities included—bathrooms, kitchen areas, recreation areas, interview rooms et cetera. The first tranche of that accommodation will be available for people to move into very soon. I think that the first tranche will still be for single adult men. The second site we are looking at for Nauru will have buildings to accommodate families, but that is not yet under construction.

Senator Wright: When is it anticipated that will be ready?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is negotiating with local landowners via the Nauruan Government to agree a site as soon as possible. Once a site has been agreed, a project schedule can be developed in consultation with the Government of Nauru.

#### **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (No. 4)**

*Senator Wright asked:*

Dr Southern: The permanent facilities on PNG will be of a similar nature in providing for single adult men and for family groups to be accommodated. But we are still in discussions with the Papua New Guinea government to settle a site. The planning is not as far advanced for Papua New Guinea as it is for Nauru.

Senator Wright: When will they be ready?

*Answer:*

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship is awaiting agreement from the Papua New Guinean Government concerning a preferred site. Once a site has been agreed, a project schedule can be developed in consultation with the Government of Papua New Guinea.