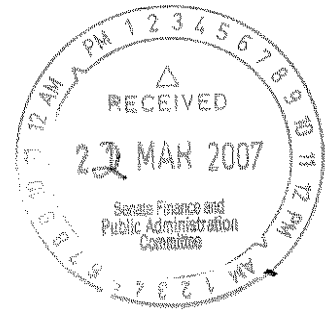




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Mr Alistair Sands
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Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
Parliament House
CANBERRA 2600

Dear Mr Sands

**Response to Questions on Notice - Additional Budget Estimates Hearing -
February 2007**

Please find enclosed a compact disc (CD) containing the response to one Question on Notice (QON) asked at the February 2007 Finance and Public Administration Additional Estimates Hearing. The response contained on the CD is in respect of question F8.

In total, 6 of 86 questions have now been answered:

- 9 March 2007 – 2 QONs;
- 12 March 2007 – 2 QONs; and
- 21 March 2007 – 1 QON; and
- 22 March 2007 – 1 QON.

The remaining questions will be provided to the Committee as soon as possible.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Helen Roden on 6215 3781.

Yours sincerely

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Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2007

Question: F8

Outcome 2, Output 2.2.2 Major Projects

Topic: Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre

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Senator Sherry asked:

What advice was received from DIMIA on the difficulties of the site and the project when the project was transferred from DIMIA to Finance.

Answer:

The Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre project was officially transferred from the (then) Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) to the Department of Finance and Administration (Finance) on 18 February 2003.

The Project transfer was guided by an interdepartmental taskforce that assessed project status and provided advice to Departments on project risk and opportunities. Through this process, Finance was able to access project data, this material being provided by DIMIA progressively before and after the official transfer date. This transfer included the provision of information on site issues and problems and project design briefs.