

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearings 2003-04 – 28 & 29 May 2003

Question: F19

Outcome 2, Output 2.2.1

Topic: Christmas Island Immigration, Reception and Processing Centre

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Senator Faulkner asked:

(Senator Faulkner) Can you release that figure without getting the approval of the party with whom you have contracted in relation to the confidentiality clause? Or is the confidentiality clause not relevant to this?

(Dr Watt) This was only one of 26 scenarios – that is why. If this had been the subject of serious negotiations with parties or in a contract, we would be looking at it in a different light, but this is one of 26 possible options.

(Senator Faulkner) So the other 25 could be made public too? Would you take that question on notice?

(Dr Watt) We could have a look at that.

(Senator Faulkner) Thank you. I would appreciate it if you could provide the other 25.

(Senator Robert Ray) In this Prague spring of transparency, you wouldn't want to give me the figure for how much you paid out Walters for the contract?

(Senator Minchin) That probably is commercial-in-confidence. As I say, it is commercial-in-confidence but, if we reach a point where there is a new tenderer in place and a contract signed and Walters have no objection to the release of that figure, then we would be happy to look at that.

Answer:

The estimates are included in the following table:

Number	Details	Cap cost of IRPC component	Cap cost of Associated infrastructure	Recurrent costs over 5 year period	Total
1	1200 purpose built, 39 week programme —original decision	159.1m	35.9m	50.5m	245.5m
2	1200 purpose built 80 week programme	282.2m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
3	1200 purpose built 39 week	347.8m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A

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4	Approx 600 place purpose built. 30 month plus delivery period	175.6m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
5	1200 bed facility with rationalised common services area. 30 month plus delivery period	275.99m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
6	800 bed facility with possible future expansion to 1200 and rationalised common services area. 30 month plus delivery period	236.9m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
7	800 bed facility rationalised common services building. 30 month plus delivery period	227.2m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
8	1200 bed facility with sewerage treatment plant. 30 month plus delivery period	277.5m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
9	530 resident facility. 30 month plus delivery period	167.3m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
10	634 place facility. 30 month plus delivery period	178.6m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
11	As above but with 80 person secure accommodation unit.	193.8m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
12	As above but with education block.	198.99m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
13	As above but with medical facility.	202.8m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
14	Reduced facility and contingency facility option using a mix of Permanent and Temporary accommodation.	156.1m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
15	As above but with 350 – 700 bed demountable.	175.5m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
16	As above but with education, medical and laundry blocks	186.4m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A

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17	426 residents with reduced boundary. 30 month plus delivery period	152.4m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
18	426 residents with large boundary. 30 month plus delivery period	156.5m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
19	426 residents with large boundary and enhanced central facilities. 30 month plus delivery period	160.9m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
20	426 residents with large boundary and enhanced central facilities including contingency accommodation. 30 month plus delivery period.	178.3m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
21	800 resident increased boundary fence and 1200 central facility. 30 month plus delivery period	231.9m	Not costed	Not costed	N/A
22	1200 purpose built over 30 months. 30 month plus delivery period	318.7m	99.8m	74.0m	492.5m
23	800 purpose built with 400 places at phosphate hill over 30 months. 30 month plus delivery period	268.8m	91.9	82.9m	443.6m
24	800 purpose built with infrastructure for 1200 places and 400 places at phosphate hill over 30 months	281.8m	91.8	84.8m	458.4m
25	1200 purpose built 34 month programme	309.0m	97.5m	Not costed	N/A
26	426 purpose built – 374 contingency- 34 month programme – current decision	195.5m	54.6m	72.3m	322.4m

Options 1, 22 and 26 were provided at Senate Estimates.

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Senator Robert Ray asked:

In this Prague spring of transparency, you wouldn't want to give me the figure for how much you paid Walters for the Contract?

Answer:

The details of the settlement with Walter Construction Group are commercially sensitive. The settlement only included payment for work completed and there was no payment for loss of profit. As Walters may be tendering for the next phase of the contract, revelation of the details of the settlement may compromise their commercial interests. As a result, we do not propose to reveal the details on the settlement.