

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

**Question: F68**

**Outcome 2, Output 2.2.2**

**Topic: Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre -  
Written Question on Notice**

**Senators Crossin and Ludwig asked:**

- a) I understand that the Departmental and Agency Contracts Listings for period 1 July to 30 June 2006 shows total contractor amounts listed is more than \$231m for Christmas Island Immigration Processing Centre. Is that correct?
- b) What was the original amount allocated for the Christmas Island Processing Centre and what is the current total projected overspend on the project and the projected completion date?
- c) Is the current contract held by 'Architectural services' by Phillips Smith Conwell Architects? Who and how much was the original tender?
- d) Is the amount now expected to be almost \$13m overspend?
- e) Was Baulderstone Hornibrook contracts totalling \$209.6m. What was the original tender?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes.
- b) The approved budget for the project in February 2003 was \$ 267.7 million. The current approved budget is \$396 million. There is no overspend as the project is fully funded. The projected completion date is April 2007.
- c) The Principal Consultant is Phillips Smith Conwell Architects Pty Ltd. Their contracted price is \$10,962,446. This was the outcome of the tender process overseen by the Department of Finance and Administration.
- d) No.
- e) The contract price for Baulderstone Hornibrook was \$207.9 million. The additional \$1.7 million (to total \$209.6 million) relates to additional transport costs associated with the failure of the Christmas Island Port crane.