

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Nettle (L&C 41) asked:

Check on the precise arrangements as to what activities would have been undertaken by each of the two groups on Christmas Island.

Answer:

Individuals being accommodated in residence determination arrangements on Christmas Island are free to engage in community activities, except paid employment and activities which are contrary to the interests of community security. As such, various members of this group pursue a wide range of activities on a daily or weekly basis. These include:

- shopping
- walking/sightseeing
- talking to and visiting local residents
- swimming at the beach and recreational centre pool
- indoor soccer, badminton and volleyball at the recreational centre
- field soccer at the recreational centre
- church in the community or the Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre (CIIRPC)
- TV, videos and games at home
- reading books and magazines
- school or kindergarten for all the children
- English classes at the IRPC
- other activities brought about through community interaction

Individuals being accommodated at the CIIRPC are provided with a wide range of recreational and educational activities. In the period 1 January 2006 to 24 February 2006 detainees took part in the following activities:

fishing	Australian language and culture classes
swimming at the recreational centre	DVD or video movie
English classes	recreational centre sports (e.g. indoor soccer)
gym classes	island tours
excursions	walking activities
library visits	woodwork
Christian Fellowship meetings	Christian Church meeting
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