

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Nettle (L&C 57) asked:

In relation to internet use by detainees, which facility is the pilot to be conducted in? What is the time frame for the start of it and the rollout to other facilities?

Answer:

The internet pilot will be conducted in Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC). Technology, policy and operational issues are being addressed, and the internet pilot is anticipated to commence at MIDC prior to July 2006.

Depending on the evaluation of the pilot, rollout to other centres may commence in late 2006.