

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(53) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Humphries (L&C 103) asked:

What were the commissioning times for the detention facility on Christmas Island and the Berrimah facility in Darwin?

*Answer:*

The Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (North West Point) facility was announced by the then Minister, the Hon. Philip Ruddock MP in March 2002 and became operational in December 2008.

The Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Berrimah) facility was announced by Mr Ruddock on 23 August 2001. It became operational in December 2005.