

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(94) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries asked:

- (1) Are there any special requirements for food preparation at the Christmas Island IDC?
- (2) Was there any training provided to kitchen staff to prepare food in a Halal approved way?
- (3) Is food for the IDC sourced from Halal providers? Does this cost extra?

Answer:

- (1) All staff involved in preparing food at the Christmas Island IDC must complete Basic Food Handling training (which covers food cross contamination).
- (2) No. As at least half of the kitchen staff are from the local Muslim community, training was not required.
- (3) Yes. There is a small premium for Halal commodities of about 10%.