

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(99) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Humphries asked:

- (1) What other activities are provided to the detainees at Christmas Island IDC? Can you confirm that they include: yoga, sewing, cooking classes, bingo nights, dance nights, trivia, movie nights, music classes, arts and crafts, badminton, volleyball, group fitness training, indoor cricket, indoor football, basketball, tennis?
- (2) How many people are employed to teach these classes? Are they locals?

*Answer:*

- (1) Clients at the Christmas Island IDC are offered a range of classes and activities including English language classes, courses in Australian history, social development and gardening, yoga, sewing, cooking classes, bingo nights, trivia, movie nights, music classes, arts and crafts, badminton, volleyball, group fitness training, indoor cricket, indoor football, basketball and tennis. Clients can also access various religious services.
- (2) There are approximately 18 volunteers from the Australian League of Immigration Volunteers (ALIV) who conduct these courses and activities. The Detention Service Provider also employs a small number of staff to coordinate the activities provided to clients.