

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(176) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Hansen-Young (L&CA 97) asked:

Based on how the department budgets, 1) what types of costs have been incurred in the last three years on Christmas Island detention facilities and therefore 2) what the projected cost will be for the forward estimates?

Answer:

- 1) Capital expenditure in respect of facilities over the last three financial years on Christmas Island is summarised as follows:
 - The construction of the Christmas Island Detention Centre (CIDC) was completed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation in the 2007-08 financial year and transferred to DIAC at the value of approximately \$317 million.
 - In the 2008-09 financial year, DIAC spent \$375 000 of capital on Christmas Island. Major expenditure items were:
 - Plant and equipment \$315 000; and
 - Minor buildings \$60 000.
 - In the 2009-10 financial year, DIAC spent \$33.965 million capital expenditure on Christmas Island, major expenditure items were:
 - Upgrade infrastructure at Phosphate Hill and Construction Camp facilities to provide accommodation for Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMA) families \$4.317 million;
 - Commence infrastructure works to increase IMA accommodation at CIDC by 600 beds (200 beds in stage 1 and 400 beds in stage 2) \$18.834 million; and
 - Resumption of lease for Poon Saan units and commenced refurbishment works for staff accommodation \$10.813 million.
 - As at 31 January 2011, DIAC had spent \$8.97 million of capital in the 2010-11 financial year, major expenditure items were:
 - Continue infrastructure works at CIDC for increased IMA accommodation \$1.652 million;
 - Continued refurbishment of Poon Saan units for staff accommodation \$6.452 million; and
 - Upgrade of CIDC security systems \$865 856.
- 2) The projected costs for the forward estimates will be included in the 2011-12 Budget process.