QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(205) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What is the current detainee population at the Broadmeadows Centre? What is the breakdown by age and gender? What will be the final total capacity of the centre once all planned works are complete? Are there any plans to further expand the centre? When? To what capacity?

Answer.

On 21 February 2011 there were 124 Irregular Maritime Arrivals clients accommodated at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA).

There are no female clients accommodated at the MITA.

MITA clients by age and gender (as at 21 February 2011)

Age	Males
15 years	5
16 years	36
17 years	58
18 years	22
19 years	1
20 years	2
	124

There are currently no plans to expand the existing facility at the MITA.