

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(327) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

For the past three years and next three financial years how much has Australia spent/plans to spend on making and keeping Christmas Island operational?

Answer.

- 1) Expenditure by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) in respect of Christmas Island over the last three financial years is summarised as follows:

	Financial Year		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Operational Costs			
Detention Services	5,740,227	18,900,171	74,167,940
IAAAS		786,135	8,384,104
Interpreting Services	6,934	5,401,557	15,644,907
Aircraft Charter, Freight and Travel	321,456	6,075,740	19,976,259
Health Services	521,019	3,674,977	17,343,964
DIAC Staff Allowances	665,650	921,734	5,900,449
IT & Communications	88,074	4,575,706	4,167,960
DIAC Staff Salaries	985,508	3,190,129	7,114,535
Utilities, Repairs and Maintenance	1,904,181	7,167,201	13,608,586
Other Miscellaneous costs	681,082	1,132,283	4,569,057
Total Operational Costs ¹	10,914,133	51,825,632	170,877,761
Capital Costs ²	317,068,619	375,000	33,964,774
TOTAL	327,982,752	52,200,632	204,842,535

¹ This item excludes depreciation and allocation of corporate overheads.

² The construction of the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (CIIDC) was completed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation in the 2007-08 financial year and was transferred to DIAC for approximately \$317 million.

- 2) DIAC's projected costs in respect of Christmas Island immigration detention facilities for the next three financial years will be included in the 2011-12 financial year Budget process.
- 3) Christmas Island has been administered by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government since its creation in September 2010. Prior to this date Christmas Island was administered by the Attorney General's Department. The financial expenditure provided in the above table does not include any relevant expenditure by these agencies.