

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0514) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Wickham Point – what is the capacity planned for this centre? Is there a planning permit in existence that demonstrates the maximum number of people that can be accommodated in Wickham point? What does the planning permit allow for as maximum capacity? Please include it in the answer if so.

Answer:

The planned capacity for Wickham Point Detention Centre is 1500.

There is no planning permit stating the maximum occupancy. The proposal submitted to and approved by the Northern Territory Government was to use the proposed worker camp, consisting of approximately 750 double rooms, as an Immigration Accommodation Facility.