

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0363) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

Yongah Hills Detention facility: I refer to an article in the West Australian dated 24th January 2012, which states "...unexpected delays with the site meant construction was delayed over the Christmas period." What were these unexpected delays? What were the associated costs and the implications of these delays?

Answer:

The unexpected delays at the construction site were due to environmental factors (i.e. heavy rains, high winds, flooding etc). Additionally works were also affected by the Christmas holiday / construction shutdown period.

No costs were associated with the delays as the Department has a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract with John Holland Group (the construction company).

This has delayed the construction practical completion by a number of months.