SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Question No. 223

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2005:

a) How many individuals are currently involved (as victims) in the ten cases involving sexual servitude? Please provide a breakdown into men, woman and children.

b) How many individuals are currently on Criminal Justice Certificates? Please provide a breakdown into men, woman and children.

i) How long have they been on this visa?

c) What arrangements are made for the housing of individuals on CJCs?

d) What monies or allowances are paid to individuals on CJCs?

e) Are case-workers assigned to each individual (if so, which agency or organisation are these case-workers assigned

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- (a) 19, all are women.
- (b) The CDPP understands that 14 of the individuals involved in the ten sexual servitude cases are currently on Criminal Justice Certificates (CJCs) (being Criminal Justice Stay Certificates and Criminal Justice Entry Certificates). All of the CJC holders are women. The CDPP understands that CJCs were issued on the following dates (in some cases, more than one CJC has been issued for the same woman): 19.5.05, 08.07.03, 12.10.04; 02.11.04; 05.12.04; 17.12.04; 09.12.04; 08.07.03; 17.08.03; 14.07.03; 18.02.04 (and, in that case, also on 20.02.04 and 10.08.04); 09.12.04; 26.06.03; 13.01.05 (and, in that case, also on 06.04.05).
 - i. The granting of a CJC is a precondition for the granting of a Criminal Justice Visa (CJV). However, holding a CJC does not automatically entitle an individual to a CJV. The issuing of CJVs is a matter for DIMIA.
- (c) The CDPP is aware that some of the victims involved in the ten sexual servitude cases are receiving assistance under the *Support for Victims of People Trafficking Program*, which is managed by the Office for Women, within the Department of Family and Community Services.
- (d) See (c).
- (e) See (c).