

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006**

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

### **(237) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law**

Senator Nettle asked:

Baxter closing 2008

1. Provide a copy of the review of longer-term detention facility planning.
2. A 'detention facilities strategy' is mentioned in a Minister's press release. Can you please provide a copy of the strategy?
3. Did the review of detention centres include off-shore detention centres? If so, what were the recommendations regarding off-shore detention centres?
4. Will Baxter be used by the military when it becomes a contingency facility?
5. What is the projected cost of keeping Baxter as a contingency facility?

*Answer:*

The viability of keeping Baxter Immigration Detention Facility (IDF) open/operational will be reviewed in 2007-08.

1. The review of detention facility planning is contained in the Onshore Detention Strategy paper at Attachment A.
2. Yes, the Onshore Detention Strategy paper is provided at Attachment A.
3. As detailed at Attachment A, the Onshore Detention Strategy covers only onshore detention facilities.
4. Baxter IDC will not be available for use by any other departments or organisations in the foreseeable future.
5. As of June 2006, the projected cost of keeping Baxter IDF as a contingency facility is \$1.5 million per annum.

