

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Crossin and Senator Bartlett (L&CA 121 and written) asked:

If you get the Christmas Island facility handed to you by 31 December and no-one stays in it in January or February, do you have an idea of what the ongoing cost of maintaining the facility is going to be?

Answer:

As part of the detention service tender, a price is being sought for the delivery of maintenance services. Prospective tenderers will visit the site during June 2007. Tender submissions close in August 2007. The tender price for managing the Christmas Island facility is expected to be known in early 2008.