QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(129) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Payment to IOM to establish an additional immigration detention and transit facility in Indonesia, under item deliverables (p.55 of the portfolio budget statement)

Provide all details, and a copy of the agreement relating to this new facility

- (a) What is the sum of the payment?
- (b) Where will the facility be located?
- (c) Who will be responsible for administering the facility?
- (d) What will the facility's capacity be?
- (e) What factors did the government take into consideration in determining the location of the facility?
- (f) To what extent will the Australian government be involved in the operation and maintenance of the facility?
- (g) How does the government propose to ensure that the facility complies with Australia's human rights obligations and Australia's detention principles?
- (h) Will children be detained in the facility?

Answer:

All agreements between the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are classified Commercial-In-Confidence and accordingly are not able to be released.

(a & b) Existing funding commitments to enhance detention capability in Indonesia In the 2009-10 Budget \$5 million was committed over two years to provide additional community accommodation in Medan, and other locations, and for refurbishment of immigration detention facilities for intercepted irregular migrants.

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
Administered	5m	3.031m	17.802m	n/a	n/a	
Funding						
Departmental	0	0.1m	0.202m	0.051m	n/a	
Funding						

New policy proposal package of \$32.9 million committed in the 2010-11 Budget Within this new policy proposal package, a component of funding was committed for refurbishment of existing structures and the provision of additional training. The locations of these refurbishments have not yet been confirmed.

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
Admin and Dept	2.1m	18.004m	0.051m	0	20.154m
Funding					

- (c) The Indonesian Government administers all detention facilities in Indonesia.
- (d) Scoping for these projects covers a range of facilities and remains ongoing. As such capacity requirements have not yet established.
- (e) The location of projects already underway were identified in close consultation with the Indonesian government and we will continue to consult with the Indonesian government for them to identify appropriate locations for further refurbishments.
- (f) The funding does provide for training in operational aspects of detention. However, the Australian Government has no role in the operation and maintenance of Indonesian detention facilities. The Indonesian Government will administer all detention facilities in Indonesia.
- (g) The Australian government seeks to assist in improving detention facilities in Indonesia. However, the Indonesian Government administer all detention facilities in Indonesia.
- (h) The Indonesian Government decide where they will locate people in detention. However, assistance is being provided to identify alternative detention options for family groups and children.