

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26 MAY 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(15) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Barnett (L&C 43) asked:

Explain the difference between DIAC's Christmas Island detainee numbers as at 19 May 2010 of 2295 and AG's detainee numbers as at 21 May 2010 of 2437.

*Answer:*

At its evidence to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on 26 May 2010, the Attorney-General's Department provided the Christmas Island contingency accommodation capacity figure (2437), as opposed to the actual IMA client numbers on Christmas Island. There were 2295 IMA clients on Christmas Island on 19 May 2010.