

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(80) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Humphries (L&C 49) asked:

What is the actual outcome of occupancy in the Christmas Island IDC. To what extent is the standard being breached?

*Answer:*

As at 19 May 2010 there were a total of 2295 clients accommodated in immigration detention facilities on Christmas Island. These include 1746 at the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), 362 at the Construction Camp, 184 at Phosphate Hill Compound B and 3 in duplex accommodation (community detention). These facilities were built in accordance with the Immigration Detention Standards which provides among other things a principle of the universal human need for privacy and social interaction, and the choice to balance these needs, along with the need for safety, fresh air and recreation. In this regard, the standards with relation to the fixed facilities are being met.