

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27 MAY 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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

Senator Humphries (L&C 56-57) asked:

- (1) How much is it costing to house IMAs in hotels on a monthly basis?
- (2) Do the arrangements include the cost of meals for the detainees?
- (3) Do they use private cooking facilities in the hotels? Is there any capacity provided for them to cook for themselves?

*Answer:*

- (1) As advised at the Budget Estimates Hearing on 27 May 2010, IMAs are housed at the Asti Motel in Darwin and the Virginia Palms in Boondall, Queensland.

In relation to monthly costs, as at 27 May 2010, DIAC had processed the following invoices:

Asti Motel – No invoices received.

Virginia Palms – \$0.214m for the period 24 April 2010 to 17 May 2010.

- (2) These costs include the cost of providing lunch and dinner to IMA clients; breakfast is provided under DIAC arrangements. These costs also cover laundry, telephone and venue hire (rooms for group activities) charges.
- (3) Whilst some rooms do have basic cooking facilities, these facilities are not utilised by the IMA.