

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0385) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Is it possible to have a full list of sites investigated by the department as suitable sites or facilities for asylum seekers accommodation?

Answer:

As outlined in response to Question 20 from the Joint Select Committee on Australia's Immigration Detention Network, the Department investigated the following sites or facilities for accommodation and elected to proceed:

Leonora, Western Australia;
Darwin Airport Lodge in Darwin, Northern Territory;
Asti Hotel in Darwin, Northern Territory (now closed);
Scherger RAAF Base, Queensland;
Virginia Palms Hotel, Queensland (now closed);
Wickham Point, Northern Territory;
Northam Training Camp, Western Australia (also known as Yongah Hill);
Inverbrackie, South Australia;
Pontville, Tasmania;
Gwalia Lodge at Leonora, Western Australia;
Berrimah House at Darwin, Northern Territory;
Jandakot, Western Australia; and
Broadmeadows, additional space adjacent to the existing Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation facility, Victoria (contingency only).

The Department investigated the following sites or facilities for accommodation but decided not to proceed or to take no further action:

Aqua Lodge at Lake Boga in Western Australia;
Hibiscus Place – Student Accommodation and Residences at Upper Mount Gravatt in Queensland;
the former Wynnum Nursing home at Wynnum in Queensland;
HOMEWORK – a former nursing home at Redland Bay in Queensland;
YMCA at Stanthorpe in Queensland;
Equity Australia Corporation Pty Ltd (former Kenmore Hospital) at Goulburn in New South Wales;
Bellhaven Caravan Park at Heatherbrae in New South Wales;
Sea and Sun Motel at Noraville in New South Wales;
Former Greenvale Sanatorium at Greenvale in Victoria;
Troughton Island at Troughton Island in Western Australia;

Former Downer EDI mining multipurpose building at Mt Isa in Queensland;
Adora Downs at Mount Tyson in Queensland;
Leonora Lodge at Leonora in Western Australia;
Leonora Caravan Park at Leonora in Western Australia;
Ascott Inn at Belmont in Western Australia;
Residential house at Bute in South Australia;
Vacant hotel in Swan Hill in Western Australia;
Residential home at Moreton Bay in Queensland;
Chincilla house at Chincilla in Queensland;
North Gosford housing project at Gosford in New South Wales;
Tammin accommodation complex at Tammin in Western Australia;
Hostel accommodation at Brisbane in Queensland;
Former Christian school at Thoona in Victoria;
Cobourg developments Pty Ltd at Cobourg Peninsula in Northern Territory;
Redland Bay house at Redland Bay in Queensland;
Free Spirits resort at Berrimah in Northern Territory;
Residential house at Yarraman in Queensland;
Residential house at Clayton in Queensland;
Travellers rest motel at Mundaring in Western Australia;
Saint Christophers Hostel at Northam in Western Australia;
St Michaels at Goulburn in New South Wales;
Melbourne Backpackers at St Kilda in Victoria;
Quinninup cabins at Quinninup in Western Australia;
Australian Camps association in South East Queensland;
Moondarra Accommodation Village at Mt Isa in Queensland;
Coastel Periploi Group (floating hotel)
Mursek Institute, Northam Campus, Curtin University at Northam in Western Australia;
Brookton Hospital at Brookton in Western Australia;
Bright Lights ensuite apartments Norman Park in Queensland;
Former Innisfail State High School at Innisfail in Queensland;
Australis Margaret River Hotel at Margaret River in Western Australia;
Townsville residential complex at Townsville in Queensland;
Brisbane CBD Backpacker in Brisbane in Queensland;
Fishermans Village at Swan Bay in New South Wales;
Private residence of J Zarb;
Merrylands complex at Merrylands in New South Wales;
Mungalalu Truscott Facility at Truscott in Western Australia;
Woodford residence at Woodford in Queensland;
Echidna Gully at Metz in New South Wales;
Former Ovens Benevolent Asylum at Beechworth in Victoria;
Tammin Complex at Tammin Queensland;
Former Northam Hospital at Northam in Western Australia;
Former Kooralbyn Golf resort at Kooralbyn Valley in Queensland;
Rural WA hotels in Western Australia;
Taylors Arm property at Taylors Arm in New South Wales;
Kooralbyn resort Motel at Kooralbyn Valley in Queensland;
Wongan Hills guest house at Wongan House in Western Australia;
Adelaide Hills Wilderness Lodge at Adelaide Hills in South Australia;
Numans Collie Hills Village at Collie in Western Australia;
Former Grafton office building at Grafton in New South Wales;
Aspley Acres Caravan Park at Aspley in Queensland;

Big4 Caravan Village at Aspley in Queensland;
Warwick Hotel at Warwick in Queensland;
Former Kalgoorlie Hotel at Kalgoorlie in Western Australia;
Former Wubin School at Wubin in Western Australia;
Sydney Boarding house at Sydney in New South Wales;
Swansea backpackers at Swansea in Tasmania;
Vacant land at Balranald in New South Wales;
McLeod Eco Farm at French Island in Victoria;
King Island Council land - Island between Tasmania and Victoria;
Residential house at Leonora in Western Australia;
The Palms Motel at Kingaroy in Queensland;
South Hedland land at South Hedland in Western Australia;
Brighton Lodge at Brighton in Victoria;
Former Harmony Mine camp
Norfolk Island property at Norfolk Island
Darwin Apartments at Darwin in Northern Territory;
Stawell Townhouse at Stawell in Victoria;
Former Warburton hospital at Warburton in Victoria;
Accommodation Barge – company in Perth, Western Australia;
Beaudesert Golf resort at Beaudesert in Queensland;
Land at Serpentine in Western Australia;
Point Cook in Victoria;
Tardun in Western Australia;
11 Mile Antenna farm in Northern Territory;
Buckland Defence facilities, north-west of Hobart in Tasmania;
Vacant land at Palmerston in Northern Territory;
Katanning residential college at Katanning in Western Australia;
Yarloop Hospital site at Yarloop in Western Australia;
New Norica in Western Australia;
Bindoon in Western Australia;
Badgingarra Agricultural research station at Jurien in Western Australia;
Diemels Station in Western Australia;
Northam Barracks at Northam in Western Australia; and
Agricultural college in Northam in Western Australia.

The Department has inspected Borallan Correction Centre in Queensland. This facility is now not available as advised by the Queensland Government in September 2011.