

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0445) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

The government announced in September 2010 that the ADF facility at 11 Mile near Darwin was a contingency for further expansion. Are there currently any plans to prepare this facility to receive asylum seekers? How many? At what cost? Is this still under consideration?

Answer:

The 11 Mile site near Darwin is no longer required as a contingency site.

As the Minister announced on 3 March 2011, the Government decided to lease accommodation at Wickham Point rather than proceed with the 11 Mile site.