

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(152) Output: 1.3 Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Nettle asked:

1. Is the construction of the Christmas Island detention centre on schedule and on budget? Provide details.
2. How many workers are employed on this project? How many workers are residents of Christmas Island?
3. Please explain the difficulties that have occurred on Christmas Island during the construction phase regarding supply of building material.

Answer:

1. In response to questions 1, 2 and 3 above, the Department of Finance and Administration is responsible for the construction and delivery of the completed facility to DIMIA and therefore these questions should be directed to the Minister for Finance and Administration for a response.