

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(64) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin (L&C 72) asked:

Can you find out from the Ombudsman and HREOC how many times this year they have been to Villawood, Baxter and Maribyrnong? And when was their last visit?

Answer:

Ombudsman

The Ombudsman's Office has conducted 18 visits this calendar year to immigration detention facilities (IDFs). Details of these visits (as provided by the Ombudsman's Office) are included below.

Date	Facility
February 2005	Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre
February 2005	Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre
13/14 April 2005	Baxter IDF
April 2005	Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)
1/2 June 2005	Villawood IDC
29 July 2005	Villawood IDC
8 August 2005	Maribyrnong IDC
25/26 August 2005	Baxter IDF (2 year detention review and general complaints)
1 September 2005	Perth IDC
6 September 2005	Maribyrnong IDC (2 year detention review and general complaints)
12/13 September 2005	Villawood IDC (2 year detention review and general complaints)
22/23 September 2005	Baxter IDF (2 year detention review and general complaints)
3 October 2005	Maribyrnong IDC
14 October 2005	Villawood (2 year detention review)
19 October 2005	Maribyrnong IDC (2 year detention review)
27/28 October 2005	Perth IDC (2 year detention review)
3/4 November 2005	Villawood IDC (2 year detention review)
8/9 November 2005	Baxter IDF (2 year detention review)

HREOC

The Human Rights Commissioner has made three visits to IDFs this year, as detailed below. The Commissioner also hopes to visit Villawood IDC before 7 December 2005.

Date	Facility
12 October 2005	Perth IDC
17 October 2005	Baxter IDF
8 November 2005	Maribyrnong IDC