

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(213) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Bartlett asked:

1. What has been the full expenditure to date for the construction, outfitting and maintenance of the Baxter facility to date?
2. If Baxter is mothballed as intended, what is the expected annual cost of keeping the centre in an ongoing state of readiness?

Answer:

1. Expenditure to 31 October 2006 for the construction, outfitting and maintenance is \$45.7m.
2. The expected annual cost of keeping the Baxter facility in an ongoing state of readiness is under review, but as a point of reference, the provision of security and mothball maintenance services for Port Hedland is \$60,000 per month.