

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(319) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

(1) Please provide a list of all sites in Australia where the Department or Government has undertaken contingency works in relation to potential accommodation for asylum seekers?

(2) What will be the total detention capacity on the mainland once these centres have been completed and the extensions to existing facilities?

*Answer:*

(1) Contingency work was undertaken on the area marked as Stage 3 at Curtin to prepare the site should it be needed, however this is not proceeding. While two locations have been identified as contingency sites, there are no contingency works currently underway.

(2) As at 28 November 2010 there were 3,547 detention places across all facilities on the mainland, including Alternative Places of Detention.

Additional places will become available at the following locations:

- Curtin – 300 places
- Inverbrackie – up to 400 places
- Northam – 1500 places