

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0287) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (L&CA 18-19) asked:

Provide a copy of both tenancy agreement for the two properties, Cresent Peak and R&R Bungalows and a) how long were the tenancy agreements signed for; b) what was the period of time it covers; c) when were the tenancy agreements signed.

Answer:

a) The department entered into occupancy arrangements with both properties on a short term basis to meet the initial urgency of finding suitable accommodation for transferees. No formal tenancy agreements were signed.

Instead, the arrangements were managed through the acceptance of a letter of offer by the department for each property, containing the terms and conditions.

b) The arrangements cover the following periods, and in line with the terms and conditions to make payments in advance:

- from July 2011 to March 2012 for Cresent Peak and
- from July 2011 to January 2012 for R&R Bungalows.

c) The letters of offer were signed in July 2011.

As of November 2011 the department will not be entering into formal long term arrangements to lease these properties.