

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0371) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Virginia Palms Motel: When did the last of the asylum seekers leave Virginia Palms? How long did the Department have a lease? When was the final payment made? How much did the Department pay for the entire lease on Virginia Palms? Was there a payout to the proprietors at the end of the lease? Did the Department break the lease?

Answer:

The last asylum seekers left Virginia Palms on the 30 June 2011.

The Department entered into an initial 6 month block booking with the Virginia Palms Motel in April 2010. The Department extended the booking in October 2010 for a further 6 months and from the end of April 2011 the booking was on a month by month basis. The Department did not break any agreements.

The final payment was made on 15 September 2011.

The Department paid \$4,769,150.31 for the entire booking on Virginia Palms.

The payout to the proprietors at the end of the booking totalled \$70,980.90 for make good to the accommodation areas of the motel. This is included in the entire cost above.