Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Detention Centres – over last 12 months, list of incidents and total property damage

Senator: CORMANN

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Ouestion:

Senator CORMANN: Would you provide me on notice, then, (1) the list of the incidents for which claims have been submitted; (2) what the total damage to Commonwealth property is going to be; and (3) what share of it is likely to be covered by the Commonwealth through Comcover or by private insurers to the extent that you can. I'm sure that if you're not able to you will tell me.

Senator Wong: As a matter of courtesy, I am letting you know that on (1) and (2) I can't at first blush see any difficulty, but obviously I will take advice on that. In relation to (3), we would not do that ahead of those matters being finalised.

Answer:

The table below lists the incidents for which claims have been submitted together with an estimate of the total damage for each claim. The estimates are yet to be finalised by the loss assessors.

The share of the damage to be covered by the Commonwealth and private insurers will not be known until the claims are finalised, however the Commonwealth is liable to pay at least the first \$1 million of each loss representing the deductible applicable to the private insurance policy. Of this \$1 million, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship is required to pay the first \$100,000 and Comcover will pay the balance.

Location	Current Status of Claims	Total estimated damage
Christmas Island 1	Open	\$5,054,701
Christmas Island 2	Open	\$1,138,445
Villawood	Open	\$9,271,266
Darwin 1	Open	\$621,954
Darwin 2	Open	\$1,550,000