

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/277) PROGRAMME – 3.3 and 3.4: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Onshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

How much will it cost to extend the leases at Blaydin and Wickham Point facilities?

- a. Why are these facilities being upgraded?
- b. How much are the upgrades costing?
- c. Are detainees from other facilities which are earmarked for closure going to be transferred to these facilities?
- d. When are such transfers expected to occur?
- e. What are the capacities for each facility?

*Answer:*

- a. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection is currently negotiating the terms of lease extensions for the Bladin and Wickham Point facilities.
- b. The Department is currently scoping potential upgrades and does not have a cost at this time.
- c. Transfers within the immigration detention network occur on a regular basis. Should there be an operational requirement to transfer detainees to the Bladin or Wickham Point facilities then this will be done as part of regular transfer operations.
- d. Transfers of detainees are routine and ongoing depending on operational requirements.
- e. The capacity of all immigration detention facilities can be found on the department's website at the following location:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/immigration-detention-facilities.aspx>