

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

##### **(BE14/299) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

In an interview on 3 April 2014 Minister Morrison stated that ‘positive decisions... will then move into a resettlement phase and we have been building transitional accommodation at East Lorengau on Manus Island now for some months’.

- a. What is the status of the ‘transitional accommodation’?
- b. How much has it cost to build the ‘transitional accommodation’? Can you provide a breakdown of any and all costs associated with its construction?
- c. Who has provided the funding for this construction? If it was more than one party, what is the breakdown of shared costs?
- d. When will the accommodation be ready for refugees to move in to?
- e. What are the facilities at the accommodation? Are they individual houses? Are they apartments? Does every refugee receive their own house/apartment?
- f. What services will the refugees have access to at the accommodation? Internet? Telephone? Furniture? Clothing? Food and water?
- g. How long will refugees stay at the ‘transitional accommodation’ on East Lorengau?
- h. Where is it envisaged that refugees will transit to after their stay? Port Moresby or elsewhere on the PNG mainland?
- i. What will happen to the transitional accommodation after all refugees have been moved to their permanent accommodation?

*Answer:*

- a. The accommodation referred to is currently under construction and is due for completion in October 2014.
- b. The current total estimate cost of works is \$165.3 million, which comprises project manager/contract administrator fees of \$7.9 million and construction costs of \$157.4 million.
- c. Funding has been provided by the Australian Government.
- d. See answer to (a).
- e. The accommodation consists of two storey modules providing beds of varying configuration. Each module contains up to four bedrooms, some single rooms and some shared rooms. Room configurations can be altered as required. There are shared kitchen/laundry facilities located in each set

of modules with each module having the ability to be self-catered. The accommodation will also have multi-denominational facilities, sports fields and classroom/training facilities.

- f. The services provided will include water, power, furniture and cooking facilities that is comparable to the local community.
- g.-i. Resettlement arrangements for refugees in Papua New Guinea (PNG) are matters for the Government of PNG.