

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 22 May 2017

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE17/020) - ELRTC projected bedding configuration - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management**

Senator McKim, Nick (L&CA 69) asked:

Senator McKIM: And just on the 440, how many per room would that entail?

Ms Newton: At this point in time, that varies according to the actual facilities people are in at the moment.

Senator McKIM: No, sorry, but you cannot currently fit 440 in the transit centre, and we have heard evidence that you are going to put some more beds in there.

Ms Newton: It is possible to fit 440 into the centre. The bedding arrangements are not allocated in a way where you would put 440 at the moment.

Senator McKIM: It is just that we heard—

Ms Newton: It covers 298 at the moment—

Senator McKIM: I understand.

Ms Newton: with single beds.

Senator McKIM: Thank you—209 of single beds. And we have heard that you are going to double-bunk some of them. Is that accurate?

Ms Newton: Yes, that is correct.

Senator McKIM: But obviously not in every room; otherwise, you would simply double the number you have now, which 440 is not. So how many rooms will you be double-bunking, and will you be triple- or quadruple-bunking in any rooms?

Ms Newton: At this point in time, each room contains two beds.

Senator McKIM: Yes.

Ms Newton: Under the current arrangements some of those rooms would include bunks as well.

Senator McKIM: So when you say double-bunking, you mean four people per room, do you?

Ms Newton: Look, I would have to check as to the exact design of what that would look like. And on notice I am happy to provide that information.

*Answer:*

East Lorengau Transit Centre (ELRTC) provides a self-catering accommodation facility comprising six buildings with 56 separate units. Units are either two or three bedrooms, with a central kitchen, lounge and bathroom. At present, each room contains bedding for either two or four people. There is a mixture of single and bunk beds.

In order to increase capacity to 440, the existing single beds will be replaced with bunks and each room will contain two bunks.