

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE14/361) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management**

Senator Carr () 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’.

- What is the status of the ‘transitional accommodation’?
- How much has it cost to build the ‘transitional accommodation’? Can you provide a breakdown of any and all costs associated with its construction?
- Who has provided the funding for this construction? If it was more than one party, what is the breakdown of shared costs?
- When will the accommodation be ready for refugees to move in to?
- What are the facilities at the accommodation? Are they individual houses? Are they apartments? Does every refugee receive their own house/apartment?
- What services will the refugees have access to at the accommodation? Internet? Telephone? Furniture? Clothing? Food and water?

*Answer:*

The accommodation was completed on 24 October 2014 and formally handed over to the Government of Papua New Guinea on 16 December 2014.

The total estimated cost of capital works is \$152.2 million, which comprises project manager/contract administrator fees of \$7.9 million and capital construction costs of \$144.3 million. Funding was provided by the Government of Australia.

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.

Refugees will have access to water, power, furniture, cooking facilities, and basic food items that are comparable to the local community. Other service needs are to be met within their living allowance.