

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2011-2012

#### Agency - Comcare

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#### Question

#### Comcare - Improvement notices

Senator ABETZ: Right, sorry. Just as well I did ask that because I was thinking there were no such notices but just investigations that might lead up to an improvement notice. Sorry to detain you, but can I have that detail please? Three improvement notices? Mr Kibble: Yes. These notices cover a variety of issues, including improvements to emergency signage, fire-fighting equipment, electrical hazards and general maintenance. I can take on notice, Senator, their status. As I understand it, they are all still ongoing. I do not think the date for finalisation has come yet. Senator ABETZ: If you could take that on notice for me.

#### Answer

*Comcare has provided the following response.*

Improvement notices:

Pontville Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), 12 Rifle Range Road, Pontville, Tasmania

- Original Notice expiry date 20 February 2012.
- DIAC has erected temporary signage in three relevant languages other than English. DIAC advised that Pontville IDC was to cease operation on 28 February 2012.
- The Notice expiry date was extended, at the request of DIAC, to 12 March 2012 to allow additional time to confirm whether or not the centre was to cease operation.
- Should the IDC continue operation, DIAC have been advised that they must install permanent and durable signage by the Notice expiry date.

Phosphate Hill Immigration Detention Facility, Construction Camp, Vagabond Road, Christmas Island

- Ongoing – Notice expiry date 17 June 2012.

Phosphate Hill Immigration Detention Facility Alpha, Bravo and Charlie, Vagabond Road, Christmas Island

- Ongoing – Notice expiry date 16 June 2012.