

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2007

Question: F54

Outcome 2, Output 2.2.2 Major Projects

Topic: Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre

Written Question on Notice

Senator Bartlett asked:

What is the final cost of building the new detention centre on Christmas Island?

Answer:

The final cost of building the Christmas Island Immigration Reception and Processing Centre project will not be known until construction is completed in the third quarter of 2007 and all outstanding contractual claims have been resolved. The current authorisation of \$396.6 million should be adequate to complete this project.