

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 February 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(42) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Crossin asked:

1. What is the budgeted amount for the upgrade of the Darwin Detention Centre?
2. What is the total amount spent to date and the itemised areas of expenditure under each item?
3. Has there been any consideration to rename the Detention Centre? If so please provide details? If not, why?

Answer:

1. The budget for the upgrade of the northern compound of the detention facility in Darwin is approximately \$8.1m.

The southern compound works is budgeted at approximately \$2.5m.

2. The total spent as at 22 February 2006 for the north compound is approximately \$1.8m excluding GST.

Itemised areas (approximate costs)

Kitchen and demountable buildings	\$ 1.24m
Fencing	\$ 0.017m
Landscaping	\$ 0.038m
Electrical works	\$ 0.081m
Consultants	\$ 0.049m
Project managers	\$ 0.331m

Total spent as at 22 February 2006 and the itemised areas of expenditure for the south compound are approximately \$1.15m.

Itemised areas

Refurbishment works	\$ 0.184m
Freight	\$ 0.014m
Cabanas	\$ 0.142m
Fencing	\$ 0.013m
Water and sewer	\$ 0.024m
Electrical and communications	\$ 0.272m
Civil works paths and covered walkways	\$ 0.109m
Security	\$ 0.136m
Project managers	\$ 0.245m
Furniture, fittings and equipment	\$ 0.008m

3. From May 2006 the name of the centre was changed to the Northern Immigration Detention Facility (IDF).