

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(96) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries asked:

- (1) Will the Department provide an itemised list of what is provided in the detainees rooms in the Christmas Island IDC?
- (2) Where are these items sourced from and how are they brought to the island?
- (3) What is the average cost of each room, including furniture and on-going maintenance, cleaning?

Answer:

- (1) While rooms are configured differently in different areas of the IDC, all clients are provided with a bed, bedding and basic toiletries, and airconditioning. Depending on where they are accommodated in the IDC, they may also have shared cupboard space, a desk and chair and a TV in their room.
- (2) Items in rooms are part of the building fit out. Replacement items are sourced from local providers or from the mainland as necessary. Items sourced from the mainland are shipped to Christmas Island in the same way as the majority of other goods, that is, by ship generally or sometimes by air.
- (3) The original equipment including furnishings of the rooms was part of the fit-out of the facilities which was managed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation and therefore the Department is unable to provide the specific cost breakdown to the individual room level. As cleaning contractors charge a total fee to maintain the entire Christmas Island IDC, the Detention Service Provider cannot estimate the cleaning costs for individual client rooms.