

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(227) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- 1) Does the department or the government have any further plans to expand existing detention facilities on the mainland? If so when and where and at what cost?
- 2) Have any contracts been signed to conduct the expansion work? With who and in relation to which detention centres? What were the dates that those contracts were signed?

Answer:

1. The Department proposes to undertake an expansion of the Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation (AITA) to provide up to 6 bedrooms plus an amenities facility in hostel type accommodation at an estimated cost of \$900,000. Estimated completion date is February 2012. This project will be funded from existing departmental budget allocations.

The Department is also proposing an expansion of the Perth Immigration Residential Housing to provide additional client accommodation, office space, health and biometrics facilities and car parking. Budgeted provision is \$3,500,000 from the Department's existing capital budget. Estimated completion date is mid to late 2012.

Additional clients have been placed into Curtin and Scherger to reduce numbers on Christmas Island, but the centres have not been expanded beyond their current footprint.

The Department is also commissioning a new temporary site at Pontville near Hobart in Tasmania. The new site will house up to 400 single adult males with occupation planned from June 2011 at a cost of \$14.8 million.

2. The Department entered into a contract with Greenway Architects of Adelaide on 9 March 2011 in relation to the AITA expansion.

No contracts have been entered into in regard to the proposed expansion of the Perth Immigration Residential Housing.

No tenders have been let for the Pontville development.