

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(245) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What will be the total detention capacity on the mainland once these centres have been completed and the extensions to existing facilities completed?

Answer:

With the planned addition of 600 beds at Yongah Hill (formally the Northam Immigration Detention Centre), 1500 beds at Wickham Point and up to 400 beds at Pontville, mainland capacity will be 7141. This does not include residence determination (community detention) places and the Virginia Palms APOD in Brisbane, as it is anticipated that the Virginia Palms APOD will not be used for client accommodation from 31 July 2011.