

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(253) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) According to answers to questions in writing the department leased the facility at Leonora for \$3.1 million for the period 27 April to 7 November 2010. Is this correct?
- (2) Has the lease been renewed?
- (3) For how long?
- (4) At what cost?
- (5) How long does the department anticipate that the facility at Leonora will be required?

Answer:

- (1) No. As the previous answer stated, the overall cost would depend on the size and composition of the client and staff population. Because of the increase in client and staff numbers, the block booking for six months from May 2010 to November 2010 came at a total cost of \$6.5 million. This cost included client accommodation, all meals and facilities; and staff accommodation.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The booking runs through to December 2012.
- (4) The first six month option to extend until May 2011 cost \$6.4 million. The second six month option to extend to November 2011 plus the additional 13 months to December 2012 will cost an estimated total of \$22.7 million, depending on client and staff numbers.
- (5) The facility is booked until December 2012.