

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(312) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) Are there any plans to expand the Christmas Island facility?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) The Department is reducing the number of irregular maritime arrivals on Christmas Island as further accommodation becomes available, so further expansion is not needed.