

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0497) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Hanson-Young (Written) asked:

Onshore detention network - To the knowledge of DIAC, have there been any thefts of detainees' property, including money, reported to the police? Have there been complaints made to the Department relating to the disappearance of money belonging to Indonesian crew or asylum seekers in detention? Regarding the expanded detention centre in Broadmeadows, Victoria – how many places will the centre hold once the expansion is complete? What cohort of people are likely to be moved there to take up the expanded spots? How much is the expansion costing? Are there any tents still in use on Christmas Island? How long is it expected that tents will be required as accommodation?

*Answer:*

On 3 December 2012, US\$4,200 was reported missing from a client's property held in trust at the Perth Immigration Residential Housing and this matter was referred to the WA Police. Neither the Department nor Serco is aware of any other alleged thefts in the detention network that were reported to the police.

With regard to complaints made relating to the disappearance of money belonging to Indonesian crew or asylum seekers, it is not possible to identify the nationality of complainants through the departmental complaints database.

The expansion of the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA) in Broadmeadows, Victoria is complete, increasing the capacity by 300. The MITA now has a total (including contingency) capacity of 444 persons. The new accommodation will be used for family groups. The Capital Budget for this project was \$15,675,000.

There are still some marquees located on Christmas Island. Some of these marquees are used as temporary accommodation while others remain unused. No date has been set for removing the marquees from Christmas Island.