

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 22 May 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(170) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig (L&C 108) asked:

In relation to the ongoing cost of mothballed detention centres, perhaps we need to have a greater level of specificity. Could we break that down into some of the lumps—say, security costs, ongoing maintenance costs and depreciation. It does not have to be to the fine lump, but if it were a little bit more disaggregated that would be helpful.

Answer:

Detention Centres currently mothballed are Port Hedland and Woomera.

Costs below are for this financial year to 31 May 2006.

Costs for Port Hedland in relation to:

Security/Maintenance -\$987,484

Depreciation- \$736,000

Costs for Woomera in relation to:

Security/maintenance -\$304,329

Depreciation- \$2,669,901