

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE13/0344) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the current operating capacity of each of the detention centre compounds and facilities on Christmas Island? What is the current spare capacity?

*Answer:*

As at 28 May 2013 the published operational and contingency capacity for each facility in Christmas Island is as follows:

<b>Immigration detention facility</b>	<b>Operational capacity</b>	<b>Contingency capacity</b>
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	400	1100
Lilac Alternative Place of Detention	150	200
Aqua Alternative Place of Detention	200	400
Construction Camp Alternative Place of Detention	200	310
Phosphate Hill Alternative Place of Detention	144	714
<b>Total</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>2724</b>

Client numbers are continuously monitored and adjusted across the immigration detention network to ensure accommodation needs are met. If a centre exceeds published operational capacity it moves into contingency capacity. As at the close of business 28 May 2013 there were approximately 400 contingency places unoccupied across the Christmas Island facilities.