QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 30 October 2006

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Crossin (L&CA 96) asked:

With regard to the meetings between DIMA and Defence in relation to the separation of services and sub-division of the land for the Northern Immigration Detention Facility, can you provide me with a complete list of matters that this question may go to and what the subject of those meetings has been in terms of the services or separation of land that you are specifying?

Answer:

The meetings have discussed the boundaries of sub-division of the Defence Establishment Berrimah (DEB) to create the Northern Immigration Detention Facility (NIDF), buildings Defence no longer need (eg buildings now used as entrance to the NIDF) and separation of services, including permanent metering for power and water and interim billing arrangements.

A decision on finalisation of the boundaries of the sub-division, assets available for transfer to DIMA and the separation of services will be made following Government consideration in 2007 of the recommendation of a Defence review of its requirements at DEB.