

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 OCTOBER 2008**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(80) Output 1.5: Detention**

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the facilities at Christmas Island, please provide full details of access areas. Have there been changes in relation to areas that are regarded as “detention” areas and “community detention” areas since 24 November 2007? If so, specify when such changes occurred. If required, please provide a map of the island specifying the various levels of “detention” on each part of the facility.

*Answer:*

I can confirm that changes have been made to the immigration detention facilities available on Christmas Island to remove a number of fences from around 2 of 3 compounds at the Phosphate Hill site.

If necessary, this unfenced accommodation could support both alternative detention and community detention arrangements.

The Construction Camp, which formerly was used to accommodate tradespeople working on the new Immigration Detention Centre (IDC), is also now being used as an accommodation option.