

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE11/0296) Program 2.1: Irregular Maritime Arrivals**

Senator Hanson-Young (L&CA 46) asked:

In 12 months time, what is the projected total capacity across the detention network?

*Answer:*

The projected contingency capacity in immigration detention facilities for the next 12 months until October 2012 is around 8260 places. This includes the opening of Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) Stages Two and Three and Yongah Hill IDC and the closure of Pontville IDC. The Department continues to closely monitor capacity needs across the network. Actual places available vary from time to time depending on client composition and operational considerations.