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Detention Centre Plans and Facilities

Question 20:

Please provide a full list of all sites investigated by the Department over the past three financial years as suitable or potentially sites or facilities for asylum seeker accommodation?

Answer:

The Department has received offers or approaches from a number of individuals and organisations identifying potential sites across Australia. Primarily, the Department works closely with the Department of Defence and the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Commonwealth Land Register to identify available Commonwealth property.

The Department investigated the following sites or facilities for accommodation, which then proceeded:

Leonora, Western Australia;

Darwin Airport Lodge in Darwin, Northern Territory;

Asti Hotel in Darwin, Northern Territory (now closed);

Scherger RAAF Base, Queensland;

Virginia Palms Hotel, Queensland (now closed);

Wickham Point, Northern Territory;

Northam Training Camp, Western Australia (also known as Yongah Hill);

Inverbrackie Defence Housing, South Australia;

Pontville, Tasmania;

Gwalia Lodge at Leonora, Western Australia;

Berrimah House at Darwin, Northern Territory;

Jandakot, Western Australia; and

Broadmeadows, adjacent to the existing Immigration Transit Accommodation facility, in Melbourne, Victoria (contingency).

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The Department has, in some way, investigated the following further sites over the last three years for detention accommodation but these are not proceeding:

11 Mile Antenna farm in Northern Territory;

Accommodation Barge – company in Perth, Western Australia;

Adelaide Hills Wilderness Lodge at Adelaide Hills in South Australia;

Adora Downs at Mount Tyson in Queensland;

Aquatic Lodge at Lake Boga in Victoria;

Aspley Acres Caravan Park at Aspley in Queensland;

AusCo – Dalby Hire Fleet Bunkhouses at Dalby in Queensland;

AusCo – Darwin Hire Yard at Darwin in Northern Territory;

Australis Margaret River Hotel at Margaret River in Western Australia;

Bellhaven Caravan Park at Heatherbrae in New South Wales;

Big4 Caravan Village at Aspley in Queensland;

Brighton Lodge at Brighton in Victoria;

Buckland Defence facilities, north-west of Hobart in Tasmania;

Cobourg Developments Pty Ltd at Cobourg Peninsula in Northern Territory;

Echidna Gully at Metz in New South Wales;

Equity Australia Corporation Pty Ltd (former Kenmore Hospital) at Goulburn in New South Wales;

Fishermans Village at Swan Bay in New South Wales;

Former Downer EDI mining multipurpose building at Mt Isa in Queensland;

Former Grafton office building at Grafton in New South Wales;

Former Northam Hospital at Northam in Western Australia;

Former Ovens Benevolent Asylum at Beechworth in Victoria;

Former Wubin School at Wubin in Western Australia;

Free Spirits resort at Berrimah in Northern Territory;

Hibiscus Place – Student Accommodation and Residences at Upper Mount Gravatt in Queensland;

Holsworthy Defence facilities in New South Wales;

HOMEWORK – a former nursing home at Redland Bay in Queensland;

King Island Council land - Island between Tasmania and Victoria;

Kooralbyn Resort Motel at Kooralbyn Valley in Queensland;

Leonora Caravan Park at Leonora in Western Australia;

Leonora Lodge at Leonora in Western Australia;

Melbourne Backpackers at St Kilda in Victoria;

Merrylands complex at Merrylands in New South Wales;

Moondarra Accommodation Village at Mt Isa in Queensland;

Mungalalu Truscott Facility at Truscott in Western Australia;

Muresk Institute, Northam Campus, Curtin University at Northam in Western Australia;

North Gosford housing project at Gosford in New South Wales;

Numans Collie Hills Village at Collie in Western Australia;

Point Cook Barracks in Victoria;

Puckapunyal Defence facilities in Victoria;

Quinninup cabins at Quinninup in Western Australia;

Saint Christophers Hostel at Northam in Western Australia;

Sea and Sun Motel at Noraville in New South Wales;

St Michaels at Goulburn in New South Wales;

Tardun in Western Australia;

The Palms Motel at Kingaroy in Queensland;

Troughton Island at Troughton Island in Western Australia;

Vacant land in a number of locations;

Warwick Hotel at Warwick in Queensland;

Wongan Hills guest house at Wongan House in Western Australia;

(former) Wynnum Nursing home at Wynnum in Queensland;

YMCA at Stanthorpe in Queensland.

The Department has inspected Borallon Correction Centre in Queensland and is yet to make a decision.