

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
COMMONWEALTH DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

Question No. 87

Senator Hanson-Young asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Regardless of whether this crosses over with state jurisdiction, could the CDPP please obtain from their state counterparts, the following information? If not, who can provide this information? I asked DIAC this on notice and they could not provide an answer.

For the last financial year and projected for the next financial year:

- a) Breakdown of costs, state by state, for this financial year and next financial year, for conducting people smuggling trials?
- b) Breakdown of costs, state by state, of boat crew serving sentence (corrections costs)
- c) Breakdown of costs of both prosecution and defence in boat crew matters

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a)– b) The CDPP is not able to provide the costs for the Courts of the States and Territories and Legal Aid for the conduct of people smuggling trials or Corrections costs.
- c) As at 30 April 2012, the cost to the CDPP for the prosecution of people smuggling offences for 2011/12 financial year has been \$10,907,000. The CDPP has been allocated \$8,767,000 for the 2012-2013 financial year for the prosecution of people smuggling offences. The CDPP is not able to provide defence costs.