

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/002) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (L&CA 40) asked:

Ms Ransome: At this time we would anticipate that a new tribunal, if it comes into effect from 2015, would have a separate budget, that it will not be a budget allocation to the MRT-RRT but part of a broader budget to a new tribunal. [...]

Senator LUDWIG: So the question is more to the minister. Could you take on notice whether any decision has been made as to the funding source, whether no decision has been made in the alternate, whether or not it would be made as a separate budget item out of the budget for the particular tribunal or whether each individual portfolio responsible for the tribunal would then be required to fund their share of the grand tribunal?

Senator CASH: Yes, that can be taken on notice.

Answer:

The government has decided that there will be a single tribunal.

The government has not yet decided how that tribunal will be funded.