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Yes. I think you know what I am looking for, Mr Yates. I am not talking about the detention centre, but the detention brings more aircraft in and, as you say, more fuel, more water and so on. I am just interested in, perhaps over the last three financial years, what the actual costs of administering the island part of the island, as opposed to the detention centre, are. If you could give me that, I would appreciate it.

Answer:

The actual costs for administering Christmas Island is not recorded as a separate item but is a part of the Administered Program 2.1, Services to Territories, and hence is inclusive of the costs to administer Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

The figures provided are at the outcome level and do not differentiate between the islands making up the Indian Ocean Territories. The figures do not include capital expenditure.

Financial year – 2008-09	actual expenditure	\$75.5 million
Financial year – 2009-10	actual expenditure	\$88.0 million
Financial year – 2010-11	actual expenditure	\$93.0 million