

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 9 FEBRUARY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(42) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Humphries (L&C 87) asked:

You have sought additional money for accommodation on Christmas Island. The two figures on page 12 of the PAES are \$11.2 million for accommodation on Christmas Island and \$34.2 million for capital expenses. I assume there are other expenses associated with that. Can we break down that cost to costs associated with the detention contract, interpreting services, air charter, freight, health services and so forth?

Answer:

Associated costs on Christmas Island for the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010 include:

- Detention Services **\$36.1m**;
- Interpreting Services **\$10.0m**;
- Aircraft Charter, Freight and Travel **\$9.5m**;
- Health Services **\$9.5m**;
- DIAC Staff Allowances **\$7.0m**

The above costs include approximately **\$1.82m** of operational costs (freight and aircraft charter) of the **\$11.2m** component of the funding for the additional capital works on Christmas Island.