

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 FEBRUARY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(295) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the total cost of the Independent Merits Review (IMR) process until it was wound up (including contract fees, reviewer's salaries, travel costs and incidentals)?

Answer:

The total cost of the IMR process was \$5.216m for the period October 2008 to 28 February 2011.

IMR reviews not completed by 1 March 2011 will be processed by independent merits reviewers until completion of this caseload.