

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE12/0010) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Cash asked:

What are the anticipated costs and costs incurred to date of cases where failed asylum seekers are seeking injunctions (against the Commonwealth) to prevent removals.

*Answer:*

An application for injunctive relief to prevent removal is ordinarily only sought as part of a larger litigation matter, for example, as part of an application for judicial review of an adverse decision relating to a substantive visa application. The Department does not keep records of the costs of the component parts of litigation matters.