

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0295) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash asked:

How many unlawful non citizens have been located in the year to date as a result of compliance activities? How many have been removed and at what cost?

Answer:

The most recent data available covers the period from 1 July to 31 December 2011. In this period, 7 607 unlawful non-citizens were located by the Department as a result of a range of compliance activities. As at 31 December 2011, 535 of these clients have been removed (including voluntary and involuntary removals from detention). This does not include those who had departed Australia, from the community, without further DIAC involvement.

The average costs per removal have remained relatively constant across the current and previous years, being in the vicinity of \$4,000 to \$5,000 per client. This is based on departmental removal supplier costs averaged out across the total removals conducted during each financial year. This figure does not include detention and case management costs.