

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0313) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash (L&CA 79) asked:

Community detention: In answer to question SE11/0320 the department stated that the cost of the program for the financial year to 31 October 2011 was \$25.4 million - what is the estimated cost to the end of the year?

Answer:

The cost of the Community Detention program for the 2011-12 financial year, as at 31 December 2011, was \$50.8 million. Of this amount, \$2.6 million is for departmental expenses and \$48.3 million for administered expenses.