QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0335) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash asked:

With reference to the following statement in MYEFO: "onshore processing costs related to irregular maritime arrivals, are expected to increase by $1.3 billion over four years as a result of an increase in expected arrival rates compared to those at Budget. This is partly offset by $1.1 billion in reduced costs and savings associated with not progressing offshore processing arrangements at this time, leaving a net impact on the budget of $197 million over four years". Did DIAC provide advice in relation to the $20 million statement of risk for education services to minors in Leonora APOD that was included in MYEFO?

Answer:

DIAC reported this liability limit of $20 million to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, as part of the Charter of Budget Honesty and as per *Estimates Memorandum 2011/35, 2011-12 MYEFO: Statement of Risks*, for inclusion in the MYEFO 2011-12 Statement of Risks.