

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0393) Program 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash asked:

What is the budget for the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme in 2011-12?

Answer:

There are two components to the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS): assistance provided to Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) clients and assistance provided to non-IMA clients.

The budget for the non-IMA component (administered item) in 2011-12 is \$3.162 million.

There is no specific budget for the IMA cost component. The costs of the IAAAS in respect of IMAs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of IMAs, which is provided on a "no win/no loss" basis. The budget for IMAs is developed using financial modelling based on actual averages over time and not specific individual cost components.