

ADDITIONAL QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0484) Program 4.3: Offshore asylum seeker management

Senator Cash (L&CA 81) asked:

For the period between 1 July 2011 and December 2011, provide the breakdown for the costs of the program.

Answer:

The cost of the Community Detention (CD) program for 2011-12, as at 31 December 2011, was \$50.8 million. Of this amount \$2.6 million was for departmental expenses and \$48.2 million was for administered expenses.

The breakdown of the \$48.2 million administered expenses is:

- \$377,000 for the non-IMA program;
- \$3.7 million for health;
- \$3.2 million for education; and
- \$41 million for CD program implementation, which includes Australian Red Cross operational costs, client support costs, rent, living allowance, and the household formation package.