

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0502) Program 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

What is the cost of running age determination hearings?

Answer:

To accurately determine the cost of an age determination interview the department would be required to undertake a complete cost analysis of the process, factoring in costs for the Life Without Barriers (LWB) staff, DIAC staff, travel and training.

An indicative cost for the age determination interview process per client:

Assessment process conducted by relatively senior officers (Australian Public Service – Level 6) @ \$49.15 per hour

Pre Assessment Admin	45 minutes	(1 officer)	\$ 36.86
Document assessment and interview	4hours	(2 officers x 2 hrs)	\$196.60
Writing assessments	4 hours	(2 officers x 2 hrs)	\$196.60
Post assessment admin	1.5 hours	(1 officer)	\$ 73.73
Notifications	20 minutes	(1 officer)	\$ 16.38
LWB	Half Day rate (up to 4 hours)		\$230.00
Interpreter	Standard Daily rate	\$266.10 (2 assessments)	\$133.05
			\$883.22

Additional costs if travel is required (per person)

Accommodation	Based on remote location cost - \$400 per night . Officers are required to conduct 2 age assessments per day. The per client cost is estimated as \$200.	\$200.00
Allowances	DIAC staff receive approximately \$220 per day. On a per client basis that amounts to \$110.	\$110.00
Travel	Typical costs for travel to and from Christmas Island from the east coast are about \$2000. Based on 20 clients assessed by each DIAC officer per 2 week trip, an average cost equates to \$200	<u>\$200.00</u>
	Indicative cost per client if travel is required	\$1393.22