

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0067) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz (L&CA 75) asked:

Pontville - Were there exceptional costs between July and October, or were there lower costs between March and July, and October and December?

Answer:

The costs of operating the Pontville immigration detention facility were appropriate for the location and status of the facility for the period between July and October 2012. The costs were not exceptional.

The expenditure for the period from March to July 2012 was higher than the period from July to October 2012 as the facility was being moved from occupancy to a contingency mode. The costs for the period from October to December 2012 are lower than both previous periods.