

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0072) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Abetz (L&CA 79-80) asked:

What is the cost of using the Antarctic Division's long range aircraft for charter flights? Is there a staff cost associated with this figure?

Answer:

The current agreement with the Australian Antarctic Division specifies a standing charge of \$120,000 per week (pro rata if the aircraft is not available for a full week because, for example, the aircraft is being utilised by the AAD). The standing charge is inclusive of all costs associated with two full aircrews. In addition, flying hours are charged at \$10,500 for domestic sectors and \$13,500 for international sectors. Depending on the destination, additional airport charges may apply.