

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0107) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 106) asked:

By month, what has been the cost of charter flights to transport asylum seekers overseas to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka in 2012/13 to date? What has been the total cost of overseas flights in 2012/13 to date? Does this cost include standing fees for the planes used?

Answer:

As at 31 January 2013, the total cost of charter flights to transport asylum seekers overseas to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka for the 2012/13 financial year is \$9,842,469. There were no other overseas flights. This includes the standing fees associated with the planes used. The month by month breakdown of the cost of charter flights to Nauru, Manus Island and Sri Lanka is:

Month	Nauru	Manus	Colombo	TOTAL
<i>Jul</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Aug</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Sep</i>	\$ 1,077,050	\$ -	\$ 651,586	\$ 1,728,636
<i>Oct</i>	\$ 2,401,768	\$ -	\$ 153,218	\$ 2,554,986
<i>Nov</i>	\$ 162,075	\$ 491,232	\$ 1,856,269	\$ 2,509,576
<i>Dec</i>	\$ 159,940	\$ 922,303	\$ 845,259	\$ 1,927,502
<i>Jan</i>	\$ 598,874	\$ 270,976	\$ 251,918	\$ 1,121,769
TOTAL	\$ 4,399,707	\$ 1,684,511	\$ 3,758,250	\$ 9,842,469