

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0119) PROGRAM – 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 116-117) asked:

Provide a breakdown of the cost of delivering AMEP in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date, plus predicted costs for 2013-14 and forward years (by contract region?)

Answer:

a) AMEP Costs for 2010-11

A revised AMEP business model and new contract regions came into effect from 1 July 2011. For those States with more than one contract region, there is no direct correlation between the old and new regions and, therefore, it is not practicable to provide a comparison of that year with subsequent years. The following table therefore provides this information by State/Territory only.

Table 1

Contract expenditure 2010-11 by State/Territory (includes distance learning)	\$m (GST exclusive)	%
NSW	77.49	40.40%
VIC	50.25	26.20%
QLD	23.02	12.00%
SA	17.07	8.90%
WA	17.84	9.30%
TAS	2.30	1.20%
NT	2.30	1.20%
ACT	1.53	0.80%
AMEP Expenditure by contract region	191.807	100%

b) AMEP Costs for 2011-12 and 2012-13 YTD periods

AMEP administered program expenditure by contract region for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 YTD periods is outlined in *Table 2*.

Table 2

State/ Territory	Contract Region	2011-12 (Actual) \$m	2012-13 Jul-Dec (Accrued) \$m*
NSW	Blacktown Outer Western Sydney	5.16	2.51
	Central Western Sydney	11.23	5.27
	Fairfield/Cabramatta	8.69	4.20
	Inner Western Sydney and Canterbury/Bankstown	6.16	2.46
	Liverpool	8.40	3.76
	Inner (including CBD), Eastern and Southern Sydney	8.76	3.79
	Northern Sydney and Other Rural NSW	15.04	6.92
	Hunter/Newcastle Rural and Regional	1.94	0.89
	Illawarra/Wollongong Rural and Regional	2.35	1.04
	Vic	Melbourne Central (including CBD)	6.88
North Eastern Melbourne and Other Rural Victoria		6.26	3.00
Northern Melbourne		7.55	3.65
South Eastern Melbourne/Frankston		6.92	3.41
South Melbourne/Mordialloc		6.50	3.13
Western Melbourne/Werribee		7.89	3.73
Geelong/Barwon Rural and Regional		1.22	0.72
Shepparton Rural and Regional		0.76	0.37
Qld		Northern Metro (including CBD)	13.05
	Southern Metro (including) and Rural and Regional	14.35	7.20
SA	Northern Metro (including CBD)	3.03	1.40
	Southern Metro (including CBD) and Rural and Regional	10.33	4.94
WA	Northern Metro (including CBD)	9.76	4.75
	Southern Metro (including CBD) and Rural and Regional	6.77	3.68
NT	Northern Territory	2.72	1.69
TAS	Tasmania	4.99	2.54
ACT	Australian Capital Territory	2.09	1.00
Other	Distance/eLearning	8.14	3.25

* Accrued expenditure shown. Actual may vary as the AMEP is a demand driven program. The increases in the Humanitarian and Family programs are not expected to impact AMEP until later in the 2012-13 financial year.

c) AMEP expenditure estimates for 2012-13 and forward years

Table 3 outlines 2012-13 and forward year expenditure estimates as shown in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) 2012-13 (February 2013) for Program 5.1. The PAES provided additional funding for 2012-13 and out-years for increases to the Humanitarian and Family migration programs (Houston Report).

Table 3

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
AMEP Expenditure, all services (\$m)	191.807	195.055	238.847	263.95	276.448	282.422

As the AMEP is a demand-driven program with a range of options available and the flexibility for clients to move in and out of the program, forward expenditure estimates are unable to be provided by contract region. It is, however, expected that the distribution of expenditure by contract region in forward years would broadly align with historical patterns.