

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0172) PROGRAM – OMARA

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Has OMARA used consultants in the current financial year? If so why and what was the cost per financial year of consultants?

Answer:

In the 2012-13 year, the Authority has used two consultants. Up to 28 February 2013 we have paid \$1315.60 to RW Adams, V Briggs and SL Bussey, trading as DLA Piper Australia for provision of probity advice.

The Authority has also recently engaged a communications consultancy, Parker et al, to develop a communications strategy that engages the agent community and encourages compliance.