

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0184) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

The Capability Review warns that “over-reliance on the current demand-driven quarantined funding is a key risk for the department at a time of fiscal constraint”. What would be the impact on the Department if that demand-driven funding is withdrawn in the forward years, as indicated in the drop in out year forecasts in PAES?

Answer:

The department has reviewed the funding approach for Asylum-seeker management with Department of Finance and Deregulation to ensure an appropriate funding model is in place. For 2013–14 and the forward estimates, the department is funded through a demand driven model, and the assumptions which underpin this funding arrangement are complex and are updated regularly through normal budgetary process.