

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0225) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the cost of issuing a visa by visa class and by offshore post? What is the cost of issuing a visa by class onshore? Does the VAC meet the cost of visa services provided?

*Answer:*

It is not possible to disaggregate the costs of issuing visas by class and/or location. Visa processing costs are funded through the department's external funding model and the department has been adequately funded by the government to meet the cost of its visa services.