

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(AE13/0321) PROGRAM – 3.1: Border Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the current cost charged by people smugglers to smuggle one adult to Australia? What is the current cost charged by people smugglers to smuggle one family of four to Australia?

*Answer:*

Information provided by IMAs during Entry Interviews indicates that they paid people smugglers between \$US3,000 and \$US10,000 for an individual and \$US10,000 to \$US20,000 for a family group.