

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0348) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Given that failed asylum seekers will now have access to the RRT and the courts, what provision has been made in the budget to provide legal services to failed asylum seekers through IAAAS or any other funding arrangement?

Answer:

There is no specific budget allocated for IAAAS services to irregular maritime arrivals in the forward estimates. These costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of irregular maritime arrivals. The services provided under IAAAS are not legal services, but take the form of advice and assistance by registered migration agents.