QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0382) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

Jandakot Airport - What was the cost of transporting asylum seekers (including the use of charter aircraft and buses, cars etc) to and from the centre, including as a result of transfer from another centre, transfers for health and other appointments an outings? Please provide a breakdown of costs including the number of people involved for 2011-12 and 2012-13. What are the budgeted costs for 2012-13?

Answer:

In 2011 clients were transferred to Jandakot from other centres and the costs associated with transport and escort to and from the site is attributable to the originating centres.

For this reason, information about client numbers relating to transport and escorts is not readily available and an unreasonable degree of effort would be required to extract this information from supporting paperwork for invoices.

The delivery of detention services at Jandakot APOD ceased on 2 November 2011. No costs were incurred in the 2012-13 financial year.