

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(168) Output 1.3: Enforcement of Immigration Law

Senator Ludwig (L&C 107) asked:

When is the cost that is charged as a detention debt updated?

Answer:

There is no set date for the update of the daily maintenance amount. The actual cost of detention is reviewed on a monthly basis. Where there is a reduction in the cost the daily maintenance amount is reviewed. The daily maintenance amount is currently billed at a rate of \$125.40 (GST inclusive) for all Immigration Detention Facilities.

Where no reduction in cost is apparent during the monthly assessment, the current amount determined by the delegate of the Minister is reviewed quarterly. Decreases from the current amount are always reflected in the next determination and increases are only passed on if they are greater than 10 per cent of the amount already determined.