

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE11/0001) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)**

Senator Cash (L&CA 5-6) asked:

What was the total cost of running the tribunals in 2010-11 to date? How does that compare with the previous period? Provide the comparison since August 2008.

*Answer:*

The total operating expenditure for the 2010-11 year to 31 May 2011 was \$42.1m, a 2% increase from the expenditure for the 2009-10 year to 31 May 2010 of \$41.1m. The tribunals' total operating expenditure for the 2008-09 year to 31 May 2009 was \$36.7m.