

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0003) Program: Portfolio Tribunals (MRT-RRT)

Senator Cash (L&CA 7) asked:

What was the basis of the fee per case charged to IPAO?

Answer:

The fee per case charged to IPAO was based on expectations of the actual staff time that would be taken to provide legal and country advice services to the Independent Merits Review (as it was then). It was based on the pay rates of the relevant staff, at the time the rate was set.

The pricing was calculated on three hours for legal advice and three hours for country advice, per case, and included an overhead component.