

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0036) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 22) asked:

a) Provide the detail surrounding how the figure of \$8.2 million over the next four years to the Federal Magistrates Court was arrived at, and b) likewise for the \$73.4 million over two years for the IPAO office, in terms of how you actually got to those figures.

Answer:

a) Funding was provided over four years for two additional Federal Magistrates and their support staff to assist with the increased workload as a result of the availability of judicial review for offshore entry persons. The total estimate of \$8.2 million was based on expenses relating to: salaries and on costs for the magistrates and support staff, travel and associated costs, interpreters and court recording.

The total funding for each of the financial years is as follows:

2011-12 \$'million	2012-13 \$'million	2013-14 \$'million	2014-15 \$'million
\$2.014	\$2.033	\$2.050	\$2.067

b) The estimate of \$73.4 million over two years for the Independent Protection Assessment Office, including the increase in the number of reviewers, was based on expenses relating to: DIAC staff salaries and on costs, reviewer remuneration, travel and transportation, corporate services and legal and country advice.

Salaries and on costs are based on an estimated staffing Full Time Equivalent (FTE) of 70 in the 2011-12 financial year, increasing to an estimated FTE of 73 in the 2012-13 financial year.

Reviewer remuneration is based on an estimated FTE of 75 reviewers for both the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years.

Legal and Country Advice has been estimated on the basis of a cost of \$439 per request for advice and an assumption of 3500 requests in the 2011-12 financial year, increasing to 4150 requests in the 2012-13 financial year.

The total funding for each of the financial years is as follows:

2011-12 \$'million	2012-13 \$'million
\$35.967	\$37.392