

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0179) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 56) asked:

I would like to refer to page 263 in Budget Paper No. 2 in which it states:

The government will provide \$75.9 million over four years to provide support and maintenance for irregular maritime arrivals transferred to Malaysia under the bilateral arrangement with Malaysia.

Provide a breakdown of where the money is being spent in each of the financial years.

Answer:

The allocation of the \$75.969 million over four years is summarised in the table below.

Appropriation Funding Source	2011-12 \$'million	2012-13 \$' million	2013-14 \$'million	2014-15 \$'million	Total \$'million
Departmental*	2.517	1.960	3.853	1.957	10.287
Administered	26.343	16.267	11.769	11.303	65.682
Total	28.860	18.227	15.622	13.260	75.969

* Includes depreciation expenses not requiring appropriation.

The costings are based on the assumption that the full 800 places will be needed during the operation of the program. If less places are required then there will be variations to the estimated operating expenses. There are costs associated with DIAC staffing, travel and accommodation to support the new arrangements. The majority of the costs associated with support for IMAs under the new arrangements will be incurred by various partner bodies. It is anticipated that both the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will play a vital role in the implementation of the arrangement with Malaysia, through their provision of support and maintenance of Irregular Maritime Arrivals in Malaysia.