

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0197) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

What was the amount budgeted for the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme in 2010-11?

Answer:

There are two components to the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS): onshore and offshore service delivery.

The budget for the 2010-11 onshore component, which is an administered item, was \$3.049m. There is no specific budget for the offshore component. The costs of the IAAAS in respect of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of IMAs, which is provided on a “no-win/no loss” basis. The budget for IMAs is developed using financial modelling based on actual averages over time and not specific individual cost components.