

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 MAY 2011**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE11/0198) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network**

Senator Cash asked:

What is the amount budgeted for the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme in 2011-12?

*Answer:*

The budget for the onshore component (administered item) in 2011-12 was \$3.162m. There is no specific budget for the offshore component. The costs of the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme 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.