

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23 - 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0346) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What is the cost per day, per detainee, in each of the detention centres on the mainland?

Answer:

The Department's mainland immigration detention network consists of a range of facilities of differing structure, location and capacity. Costs are not captured on a per person per day basis as each facility has different cost drivers where costs fluctuate depending on the number of people in that facility and the services that each individual person might consume.

The ongoing operating costs in respect of Irregular Maritime Arrivals are regularly reviewed in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Deregulation.