

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0427) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of running this centre in the past financial year and what has been budgeted for the next financial year?

Answer:

The cost of operating the Curtin facility in 2010-11 was \$107.79 million. This figure will be confirmed in the Department's financial statements once they have been signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.

The cost of running the Curtin facility in the 2011-12 financial year will depend on a range of dynamic factors such as the number of clients, the mix of the client caseload, specific client needs, processing times and any change to operational requirements that may be necessary.