

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0441) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What are the anticipated and budgeted running costs for the new centre in Northam?

Answer:

The Northam facility was not operational in the 2010-11 financial year and therefore there were no operational costs incurred.

The Northam facility is due to become fully operational in November 2011. The running costs of the Northam facility for the remaining seven months of 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.