

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0514) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 108) asked:

Provide the cost of phone cards for every centre for 2009-10 and 2010-11 to date.

Answer:

Advice from our Detention Service Provider is "Approximately \$5m (incl GST) per year". Due to financial reporting processes, it is not possible to break this total cost down by centre.