

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0572) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 42) asked:

In relation to the figures that are on the AusTender website, the value of the contract is now \$712 million. Is there any anticipation in relation to final costs for the 2010-11 period – so over the next five weeks?

Answer:

The value of the Immigration Detention Service Contract reported on AusTender is subject to the finalisation of Deeds of Variation that represent the additional costs to deliver immigration detention services at new DIAC facilities. Each new variation is for the period from start up of the facility to the end of the contract period.

There are a number of Deeds of Variations concurrently under development with Serco and it is not anticipated that these will be reported on AusTender in the near future.