

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 23-24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0612) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What cost of running the Christmas Island facility has been budgeted for the next financial year?

Answer:

The current estimated running costs of the Christmas Island facility for 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.