

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0076) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash asked:

What has been the cost of operating the detention facilities at Pontville, in 2011-12?
Please provide a breakdown of those costs including capital and repair costs.

Answer:

It is anticipated that the Pontville direct operational costs for the 2011-12 financial year will be as follows:

Item Description	Actual Costs (\$)
Aircharter and freight	1,184,752
Detention Services	32,963,145
DIAC staff costs and allowances	1,608,687
Client Support and Health Services	6,162,734
Interpreters	999,714
IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses	12,693,493
Total Cost	55,612,525

These figures will be confirmed once the Department's 2011-12 financial statements have been completed and signed off by the Australian National Audit Office.

In addition for the financial year to 30 June 2012 there has been \$12,175,273 in capital expenditure. Works undertaken included:

- the purchase of furniture, furnishings and equipment;
- upgrade of fencing, security, IT and data; and
- installation of demountable buildings.

Ongoing maintenance and repair costs are included in the IT, Communications, motor vehicle and property expenses category in the table above.