

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0425) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 113) asked:

In terms of the ASAS, the budget for 2011-12 was \$10 620 000. Is that correct? Is there a different figure? What is the cost to date that has actually been incurred and what is the forecast for 2011-12?

Answer:

The estimate for the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme under program 2.1, as detailed on page 36 of the 2011-12 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements, is \$10 620 000.

Expenditure for the provision of ASAS to IMA and non-IMA clients cannot be confirmed at this stage. An end of year expenditure result covering the 2011-12 financial year will be provided early in the next program year.