

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(BE12/0438) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (L&CA 23) asked:

What is the standard fee in relation to chartering the A319 for the journey to and from Cocos? Include a breakdown of the standard fees in relation to all aircraft that the Government charters for IMAs and the fee per service when it is actually used.

*Answer:*

Standard fees in relation to all aircraft that the government charters for IMAs vary and include variables such as flying times, crew costs, landing fees, catering and associated taxes.

The cost for the May 2012 charter of the A319 to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands from Perth was approximately \$95 025.

The department utilises the Department of Defence Charter Panel which offers access to a variety of aircraft. The department looks to taking the best quote of the day.