

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0439) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 79) asked:

Regarding an article in the Avon Valley Advocate, stating: A departmental spokeswoman said the site preparation and a layer of asphalt and the artificial turf cost \$1.4 million, within budget; confirm the cost of the sporting facilities at Northam Detention Centre.

Answer:

The Department has a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in place with the managing contractor for the Yongah Hill construction which provides a guarantee to deliver all services required under the contract, including the sports grounds. This means that the exact cost of the sporting facilities is not commercially available.

The \$1.4m figure quoted in the article for site preparation, a layer of asphalt and artificial turf was an estimate provided by an external Quantity Surveyor based on market values at the time of the enquiry.