

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0480) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 40) asked:

What is the budgeted amount for 2012-13 and forward estimates for the IAAAS contract? Include the IMA client group.

Answer:

There are two components to the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS): assistance provided to Irregular Maritime Arrival (IMA) clients and assistance provided to non-IMA clients.

The budget for the non-IMA component (administered item) in 2012-13 is \$3.241 million; in 2013-14 is \$3.325 million; in 2014-15 is \$3.486 million; and in 2015-16 is \$3.574 million.

There is no specific budget for the IMA cost component. The costs of the IAAAS in respect of IMAs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of IMAs, which is provided on a "no win/no loss" basis. The budget for IMAs is developed using financial modelling based on actual averages over time and not specific individual cost components.