

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0155) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 93) asked:

Senator ABETZ: Thank you, Chair. Can I be advised whether people in detention centres are given a daily or a weekly sum of money for personal expenses

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Mr Douglas: The points can be accumulated, but there is a ceiling on the carry-over, so you cannot keep carrying over and over.

Senator ABETZ: So what is the maximum?

Mr Douglas: I think it is two weeks.

Mr Cahill: Two weeks, I think, Senator. We will clarify and come back if that is incorrect.

Senator ABETZ: So, all things going exceptionally well, you can get up to \$100 in a fortnight, but that would be your maximum bank, if I can use that term?

Mr Douglas: Yes. I would need to check that figure, but in general.

Senator ABETZ: Yes, take that on notice.

Answer:

Clients receive 25 points per week and can accumulate up to another 25 points through participating in activities at a rate of 2 points per hour of participation. Points are not accruable beyond 50 points per week and cannot be carried over into the next weekly cycle.