

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0167) PROGRAM – 4.1: Visa Compliance and Status Resolution

Senator Cash (L&CA 97-98) asked:

Senator CASH: What was the cost of the charter flights to get them to Christmas Island and then return them back to Colombo?

Mr Cahill: I do not have the specific amount. As a rule of thumb, a charter return to Colombo is about \$160,000. I will have to confirm that.

Answer:

The cost of the charter flight to move the clients from Perth to Christmas Island was \$240,157. The cost of the charter flight to return the clients from Christmas Island to Colombo was \$183,427.