

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0173) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management

Senator Cash (L&CA 100) asked:

Senator CASH: Could you also, in retaking this question on notice, look to provide the total cost of providing the specialised medical services and surgeries.

Mr Douglas: We will see what we can do. Would you like to specify the time period in which you are interested?

Senator CASH: This financial year and the last financial year.

Mr Douglas: So 2011-12 and the 2012-13 year to date.

Senator CASH: Yes, or as to when you end up providing the information.

Mr Douglas: It will go to 30 April.

Answer:

The Department is unable to provide this information due to the way expenditure is recorded on its systems. It is not possible for the Department to separate these particular health costs from other detention health costs.