

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 – 28 May 2013**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0244) PROGRAM – 1.1: Visa and Migration**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the cost of issuing a visa by visa class and by offshore post? What is the cost of issuing a visa by class onshore? Does the VAC meet the cost of visa services provided?

*Answer:*

It is not possible to disaggregate the cost of visas by class and/or location. Visa processing costs are funded through the Department's external funding model. The VAC is sufficient to meet the costs of visa services overall through that funding model.