

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0298) PROGRAM – 2.1: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

I refer to answer AE13/0040 which states ‘There is no fixed resettlement cost per head for those resettled under the Humanitarian Program’. How does the department anticipate costing across the cohort then? Is there an average cost per head?

Answer:

Across the whole of Government, increasing the Humanitarian Program from 13 750 to 20 000 places in August 2013 is estimated to cost around \$150 million in 2012–13 with a potential cost impact of about \$1.3 billion over the forward estimates, of which \$432 million is for DIAC.