

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0371) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What was the cost of transporting asylum seekers (including the use of charter aircraft and buses, cars etc) to and from the centre [Jandakot], including as a result of transfer from another centre, transfers for health and other appointments and outings? Please provide a breakdown of costs including the number of people involved for 2011-12 and 2012-13. What are the budgeted costs for 2012-13?

*Answer:*

There were no budgeted costs to maintain and operate the Jandakot Alternative Place of Detention (APOD) in 2012-13 and no costs were incurred after July 2012.

The cost for transporting asylum seekers out of the Jandakot APOD for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 is approximately \$448.

Costs for transporting asylum seekers into the facilities are not recorded as this is reflected in the outgoing costs for the facility they have been transferred from.

The very detailed information sought in relation to the breakdown of costs is not readily available in consolidated form and it would be a major task to collect and assemble it. The Department is not in a position to dedicate the considerable resources required to collate this information.