

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0422) PROGRAM –

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

How much did this cost in 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date? How much additional cost has been budgeted for 2013-14?

Answer:

It is not possible to separate out the cost of administering the single assessment regime from 24 March 2012 – 30 June 2012 as many of the resources attributable to it were simultaneously engaged in transitional activities between the two regimes.

The Annual Report (<http://www.immi.gov.au/about/reports/annual/2011-12/pdf/report-on-performance.pdf>) indicates on page 37 the cost of the program for 2011–12.

These costs are a component of the total funding provided for the care and management of Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs). The budget for IMAs is developed using a financial estimates model based on IMA arrivals and average occupancy rates across all forms of immigration detention throughout the year. Final figures for 2012–13 will be published in the 2012–13 annual report on the DIAC website.