

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(BE13/0472) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (Written) asked:

What is the current cost charged by people smugglers to smuggle one family of four to Australia?

*Answer:*

The cost depends on the starting point and the price the IMA is able to negotiate. From information available to DIAC from Entry Interviews, in general terms one person will pay between \$US5,000 and \$US20,000 while the cost for a family of four would be in the range \$US40,000 and \$US60,000.