

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0570) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Thank you for that. Can I go now to the budget for household formation packages, which we have spoken about at previous estimates hearings. What was the budget for household formation packages for the 2012-13 financial year, and what has been the actual spend to date?

Answer:

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. Estimates are regularly reviewed as part of the Budget process and are dependent on client arrival rates, the client cohort and average occupancy numbers in all placement options.

The actual spend on Household Formation Packages for 2012-13, as at 30 April 2013 is \$2,864,755.