

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 20 OCTOBER 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(39) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&C 93) asked:

Provide details of the allowances and bonuses paid to departmental staff on Christmas Island.

Answer:

Allowances paid to staff on Christmas Island vary depending on the time and length of their deployment.

Short deployments (up to 3 weeks) attract:

- Travel allowance (TA) for meals and incidentals of \$747.60 per week (\$90.30 meals, incidentals \$16.50 per day) - rates as per recommendation from DEEWR;
- Boat Taskforce Allowance of \$112.90 per day (taxable) for days spent working at the Centre; and
- Overtime if applicable for employees up to APS6 classification.

Long term deployments (3-6months) attract:

- Reviewed Rate travel allowance of \$411.74 per week (\$50.57 meals, incidentals \$8.25 per day) - rates as determined by DEEWR;
- Allowance of \$10,000 per annum for APS4-6, or \$20,000 per annum for Executive Level* 1 - 2 employees. These amounts are paid pro rata, depending on the length of the deployment;
- Overtime if applicable for employees up to APS6 classification; and
- One Reunion Fare to home location after 13 weeks continuous deployment.

*Note: Executive level 1 and 2 employees do not receive overtime payments