

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

**(294) Program 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash asked:

- (1) How much is it costing to house IMAs in hotels on a monthly basis?
- (2) Do the arrangements include the cost of the meals for the detainees?
- (3) Do they use private cooking facilities in the hotels? Is there capacity provided for them to cook for themselves?

*Answer:*

- (1) Based on leases in place as at 30 September 2010, it is costing approximately \$2.36m per month to house IMAs in hotels.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) No, the meals are provided. There is no capacity to cook for themselves.