

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

**IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

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

Senator Cash asked:

Has the Department been required to vary this allocation as a consequence of the longer detention periods experienced due to the processing freeze and the increase in arrivals? If so, what amount of additional funding has been sought?

*Answer:*

While it is likely that this figure will increase, the numbers have not yet been agreed with Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance).